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Senate recalls, passes casino law changes

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The Senate recalled yesterday a bill to amend the casino law that they had passed last Thursday, passing instead yesterday afternoon a bill that addressed concerns raised by the CNMI attorney general over provisions that would exempt casino regulators from the Open Government Act, among others, as well as concerns of regulators to have their own legal counsel in light of what they described as the attorney general's attack on the commission's integrity.

CUC: Physical restoration at 94 pct.

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Only a small percentage of Saipan remains in the dark as most of the island's power restoration work has been done, three months after Typhoon Soudelor.

"We're using two different methods to calculate how far along we are with the power restoration," Commonwealth

Utilities Corp. public information officer Brad Ruzsala said. In terms of physical hardware, Ruzsala said they were already at 94.37 percent yesterday.

Another indicator that they are looking at is by calculating the generation peak load before the storm and now. Last July, peak load reached 36.3 megawatts. Last Friday, peak load reached 31.4 megawatts.

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Convicted child molester gets 10 yrs. in prison for abusing another minor

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Convicted child molester Pedro Tudela Borja was slapped with a 10-year prison term for sexually abusing another girl and for failing to update his registration information as a sex offender.

In an order on Monday, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman noted that

the 64-year-old Borja would be at least 75 years old when he is released.

"Incapacitation is a legitimate factor of sentencing whereby having a defendant who is a danger to the community isolated until such time that the defendant is too old or otherwise incapacitated to do harm to anyone in the community," the

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As this developed, the Commonwealth Casino Commission sent a letter to CNMI Attorney General Edward Manibusan yesterday, responding to claims on Friday that the proposed changes to the casino law would make the commission a "prime candidate for corruption."

The commission's letter al-

leged that Manibusan misperceived or misinterpreted facts. The commission said the AG letter revealed Manibusan's "grave misunderstanding of the

gaming industry" and his failure to recognize that the OAG itself helped draft House Bill 19-95, the casino bill amendments. See **SENATE on Page 4**



SESSION TALKS

Lawmakers of the minority bloc of the House of Representatives talk about the agenda for the session that is scheduled on Rota this Friday.

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Pangelinan

Frica resigns as farmer's co-op president

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Former senator Maria Frica Pangelinan resigned as president and manager of the CNMI Farmers Cooperative Association effective last week.

In a letter dated Oct. 28, 2015, Pangelinan informed board members and co-op members that she would be leaving the position that she has held as a volunteer for a year. "It is with sadness that I leave my position as a volunteer, because there is still so much potential and

opportunity over the long-term to reconstitute the agricultural sector with the co-op as an important contributor to making economic progress," Pangelinan wrote.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, Pangelinan said she would

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Local

Teacher allegedly assaults another with grocery basket

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The Office of the Attorney General has filed three charges against a teacher who allegedly hit another teacher in the face with a grocery basket last Oct.

2 on Saipan.

Ronald L. Wright, 47, was charged with assault and battery and disturbing the peace.

At an arraignment on Monday, Wright, through attorney Shelli Neal, pleaded not guilty.

Superior Court Presiding

Judge Robert C. Naraja set a status conference for Dec. 1, 2015, at 9am.

Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas represented the government.

According to court documents, Wright was released

from the custody of the Department of Corrections after posting a \$5,250 bail last Oct. 2. He was ordered to report to court for his arraignment last Oct. 5.

At the Oct. 5 hearing, Wright appeared in court without a

counsel. Assistant attorney general Shannon Foley appeared for the government.

Naraja then continued the arraignment for Monday, Nov. 2. The government was ordered to file the information no later than Oct. 26. Foley filed the information last Oct. 23.

Foley stated in the information that Wright hit Keith Tes-

sen in the face with a grocery basket last Oct. 2, lacerating Tessen's nose.

Foley said Wright also chest-bumped Tessen repeatedly in an aggressive manner. No other details were indicated in court papers.

Saipan Tribune learned that the incident happened at a store in Garapan.

Federal court notified about passing of wife of late Saipan mayor Flores

Attorney Juan T. Lizama yesterday notified the U.S. District Court for the NMI about the passing of the wife of the late former Saipan mayor Donald Glenn P. Flores.

With the passing of Cecilia U. Flores last Sept. 25, Lizama will be filing in Superior Court a no-

tice and motion for substitution of administratrix in the probate of the estate of the late mayor.

Cecilia Flores was the appointed administratrix in the probate of Donald Flores' estate.

Lizama is counsel for Cecilia Flores in her \$40-million lawsuit against Union Bank of

California and its former employees, Borja Concepcion and Ken Kato, over a bank manager's alleged unauthorized release of Donald Flores' money years prior to his death from his \$200,000 time certificate of deposit to a person representing him.

In 2011, Donald Flores, through Lizama, filed a lawsuit in federal court against Union Bank of California and First Hawaiian Bank for allegedly refusing to return the principal and interest earned on the CD. Donald Flores passed away in June 2014. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Propst urges public to help clean Dandan this Saturday

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Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) is urging the community to take part in a cleanup of the

Dandan area with other typhoon recovery relief groups this Saturday at 9am.

The Dandan cleanup is set on Saturday with two shifts: from 9am to 12 pm and 1pm to 4pm. Volunteers are scheduled to meet at the Dandan ball field. Lunch will be provided.

Propst—a Precinct 1 lawmaker—told *Saipan Tribune* that the Department of Public Works will be assisting with trucks and backhoes, and volunteers will be collecting tin, wood, and green waste.

Propst said his office and the office of Rep. Roman Benavente will be involved in the cleanup.

Other organizations that will take part in the cleanup include Americorps, United 4 Saipan, and CNMI C.A.R.E.

CARE is focusing right now on debris cleanup, repair, and rebuilding of homes.

CARE was formed in August and is composed of non-profit, private, faith-based and other organizations to address long-term recovery as well as unmet needs of the community.

Interested volunteers can call C.A.R.E.'s executive director Jenny Hegland with questions at 484-4653.

Propst is also free to answer questions and may be reached at 287-7883.

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TRIPLE J SAIPAN, INC. dba TRIPLE J MOTORS, Plaintiff,	CIVIL ACTION NO. 01-0551
-v-	
RUDY M. BERMUDEZ and MELINDA B. BERMUDEZ, Defendants.	

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued by the Court in this matter on December 20, 2004, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant Rudy M. Bermudez in and to the following property: Lot 034 L 68, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, and containing an area of 257 square meters, more or less.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, December 11, 2015, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 29th day of October, 2015.

/s/
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**Office of the Mayor
Municipality of Tinian & Aguiguan**

NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas will be appointing one of the following qualified individuals to serve as Commissioner on the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission:

Antonio SN. Borja
Jose P. Kiyoshi
Jose M. Dela Cruz
David M. Cing
Charlene M. Lizama

Please call the Tinian Mayor's Office at 433-1800 or email ana.tinian@gmail.com should you have any questions or comments.

'Not enough workers delaying recovery efforts'

22 hired for disaster case management training

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Visiting division disaster director Megan Chamberlain of the American Red Cross Northern Central Division shared critical updates on the 90-day disaster case management program for Saipan during a Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts meeting last week.

She said caseworkers have begun calling clients and setting up appointments this week to help those ineligible for FEMA and/or SBA assistance.

Chamberlain said this partnership with Federal Emergency Management Agency has allowed the employment of 22 individuals for disaster case management training.

"We have our case managers that we've trained and then have them work through with the clients to make an appeal to FEMA if they were denied and shouldn't have, or if they applied to SBA or if they applied their insurance and were denied or if they don't know how to. Working through that step-by-step and depending on what

their needs are, the [caseworkers] may follow up once a week or once a month. They have to exhaust all the resources before they can come to CARE and are considered the most vulnerable of the population," she said.

According to statistics gathered by FEMA and Red Cross, caseworkers have reached out to 734 families. Of that number, 459 could be reached but only 383 clients indicated that they would seek assistance from SBA.

During another batch of client outreach, caseworkers attempted to reach 310 clients but managed to contact 108 only. However, only 51 indicated they have unmet needs and required a further appointment with caseworkers.

"With the lack of resources available here, the recommendation of the Red Cross and FEMA was to start a 90-day program to quickly activate services on island. We are tasked at looking at all the different lists that the community has pulled together and determine who needs assistance the most. We have a team of seven that came over from the mainland and we found that cli-

ents were able to tell their stories to local hires in their native languages has been very helpful... if we can meet that need, we can open a case and close it really quickly," she said.

Chamberlain flew in during the first week of Typhoon Soudelor, working with the American Red Cross NMI Chapter's response team, spending six weeks assessing the damage. She is one of five disaster directors in the United States and works out of the Midwest and has been with the Red Cross for 15 years, serving in many large scale disaster operations such as Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Sandy.

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During a Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts briefing on Tuesday, acting governor Ralph DLG Torres' chief of staff Matthew Deleon Guerrero said that the insufficient amount of trained workers is delaying recovery efforts in the community.

"We've put out applications for temporary positions with the Workforce Investment Agency and Department of Labor but we have been having trouble trying to source [workers] and are trying to figure out where the gaps and issues are," said Deleon Guerrero, who also chairs CARE's workforce re-

covery sub-committee.

"There seems to be a low number of requestees and dislocated workers for the program so [WIA and Labor] don't have as large a labor pool to fill these positions," he added.

"I've been following up on [Community Outreach Recovery Efforts] request for positions and Empty Vessels request for positions and [Labor and WIA] are going through the backlog of assessments," he said.

CARE members said this is one of the reasons home rebuilding is taking place very slowly, with some people being told by contractors to wait until next year.

"Out of the nine contrac-

tors on file for recovery efforts, the companies only listed 2-3 workers each," Deleon Guerrero said.

Weston Deleon Guerrero, acting building safety official of the Department of Public Works, said this workforce shortfall is forcing many people to begin home construction themselves, often the same way or in a worse condition.

Earlier this year, Labor Secretary Edith Deleon Guerrero said that one of the reasons for the shortfall in the CNMI's workforce is the misalignment of the jobs that are in demand and the educational opportunities and scholarships afforded to residents of the CNMI.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CNMI FARMERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

THERE WILL BE A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M., AT THE CAROLINIAN UTT IN GARAPAN.

AGENDA

1. REPORT OF PAST PRESIDENT AND MANAGER
2. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS
3. REMARKS FROM ACTING GOVERNOR
4. ADJOURNMENT

/S/ CRISPIN I. DELEON GUERRERO
PRO-TEM PRESIDENT



CNMI Public School System
Interagency Coordinating Council



PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the "Open Government Act", the Public School System State Board of Education, through their Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC), is hereby serving notice to the general public that it will hold its ICC Meeting on Friday, November 6, 2015, 8:30 am to 11:30 am, at the Pacific Islands Club. This meeting is open to the public; interested individuals are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Presence of a Quorum
 - c. Review Minutes
- II. Coordinator's Reports
 - a. Part C Determination Letter
 - b. Grant Information
- III. Presentation on the FFY 2014 Annual Performance Report
- IV. Presentation on SSIP Phase 2
 - a. Review of Phase 2 Grant Chart
 - b. Calendar of Events
- V. Open Discussion
- VI. Adjournment

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting, but require accessibility such as large print, sign language or interpreter, must call 237-3029/19. Several days' notice is necessary to allow organizers ample time to make necessary arrangements.

/s/ Margaret Aldan /s/ Robin L. Palacios
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DFEMS donates \$9K to cancer association

The Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services donated yesterday \$9,517 to the Commonwealth Cancer Association from funds gathered during community events held in support of cancer awareness activities last month.

DFEMS Commissioner Clyde K. Norita presented the check to government officials and cancer association officials at the Office of the Governor's conference room yesterday. Accompanying Norita were first responders and emergency management officials.

Norita told *Saipan Tribune* that the donations were com-

bined from boot drives held every Wednesday last month, a "Pink Warrior" walkathon held on Oct. 24, and cancer awareness T-shirts that were sold in October. Norita said total T-shirt sales amounted to around \$1,200.

"It's great. It's a community

effort," Norita said in an interview after the check presentation. "[It was our] first time to try the boot drive program, which is basically our firefighters standing on the side of the road with their boot and

people putting money in. It's a great event" and they earned "positive feedback from the community."

Last month was National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. **(Dennis B. Chan)**

FRICA

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continue to assist the co-op in any way she could.

Her resignation comes a day after the Department of Lands and Natural Resources wrote Pangelinan for the co-op to "cease and desist" using the Garapan market.

Pangelinan said it is sad that the co-op is being evicted from the Garapan building.

"The market operated under the government money and under the government building. It's just so sad that they are evicting us when the whole goal of the designation of the land is for that purpose," she said.

In his letter to the co-op, DLNR Secretary Richard Seman said the co-op cannot re-

sume operations at the market until an agreement is in place. However, Pangelinan said they weren't given copies of the agreement.

"It would have been easier if he had provided us the agreement instead of the eviction notice," Pangelinan said.

"It doesn't make sense that they would give us the eviction and not the copy [of the agreement] and they said we need you now to sign the copy. They're basically saying shut your eyes and just sign what we gave you," she added.

Pangelinan said the last conversation she had regarding the agreement was back in June or July of last year when now Sen. Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan) was still DLNR secretary.

"Where is the agreement? The last agreement that was given to me, that was proposed to

me, was when Sen. Arnold Palacios gave it to me. It required a \$1 million liability insurance and I voiced out my concern to Arnold," Palacios said.

Pangelinan said she was concerned about the liability insurance back then because the market was still struggling and it was something that was "too stringent for the market to even consider at that time."

"It just actually needs for everyone to sit together and work out an arrangement to see whether the conditions and provisions that were supposedly on the agreement that we need to sign will be workable for the market to continue to operate or not," Pangelinan said.

DLNR also notified the co-op that the Marianas Meat Harvesting Group, which operates beside the farmer's

market, must stop their use of the market and that they will be determining whether local meat can also be sold at the market as it was originally intended for the sale of local produce and locally-caught fish. Pangelinan said meat is actually "more on the agricultural side."

"I looked at the land designation purpose and goal from Department of Public Lands. The meat is more on the agricultural side than the fish," Pangelinan said.

"There is actually no agreement signed, so obviously you can conclude that nothing is authorized and nothing is unauthorized," she added.

The co-op will hold a general membership meeting tomorrow afternoon at the Carolinian Utt to elect new board members, which will in turn elect new officials for the organization.

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Out of the 8,806 that applied for loans with the U.S. Small Business Administration in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor, only 274 were approved, according to Community Advocates for Recovery Efforts director Jenny Hegland.

"Only 274 SBA loans were approved and only 28 of the 8,806 were granted the max grant of \$32,900, which is not enough to rebuild a home," she said.

CARE is currently looking at 741 affected single family clients, with 704 having major damage, 479 with minor damage and 259 homes that were

completely destroyed.

Hegland also shared that there are a total of 437 affected apartment units, with 35 having minor damage and 149 with major damage and 33 apartment units completely destroyed.

CARE has currently received over \$210,000 worth of donations from various private organizations. The funding received will be used toward recovery and rebuilding efforts in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and American Red Cross in disaster case management to address the unmet needs of those in the community who have exhausted all other resources.

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judge said.

Wiseman sentenced Borja to 30 years imprisonment, all suspended except for 10 years, for sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree. The sentence will be served without the possibility of parole.

Borja was also sentenced to two years imprisonment for failing to update his registration information as a sex offender. This sentence will be concurrent to his sentence in the sex abuse case. That means Borja's total prison term for the two offenses is 10 years.

Borja was given credit for four months and 28 days of time served.

Borja is scheduled for release on April 30, 2025. He will then be placed on probation for 20 years, during which time he is prohibited from having any contact with the victim and any child under 18.

Borja pleaded guilty last week to the two charges as part of a plea deal. He was represent-

ed by assistant public defender Michael Sato.

At sentencing, Wiseman said the parties urged the court to accept the plea agreement in the interest of justice and to prevent the continuing trauma the victim would have to endure if the case were to go to trial.

According to court documents, Borja sexually abused the then-10-year-old girl sometime in 2013.

Police detective Rhonda C. John stated in her report that Crime Stoppers received a tip on April 25, 2015, about Borja molesting a minor girl.

John said she later called the Division of Youth Services about the tip and that on April 29 a DYS personnel informed her that they have the 12-year-old child in their custody.

Borja was slapped with a prison term in May 2004 after pleading guilty to sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree.

Just last year, in September 2014, San Vicente Elementary School called police about Borja hanging around the school in violation of the sex offender registration requirements.

SENATE

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Regulators called the discrepancy an apparent "internal breakdown in communications within the AG office."

All nine members of the Senate voted to recall and then pass the updated House Bill 19-95, HD1, HS1.

Facilities

The Senate put back the words "casino" before a provision on "exclusion from gambling." It now reads: "Casino gaming and wagering is authorized in the Commonwealth provide that such gaming and wagering occurs in the casino facilities of the casino operate...or in casino facility licensed..."

The Senate inserted "casino" before the "facilities of the casino operator" and before "in a facility licensee."

This was apparently in response to Manibusan's concern who had argued that the previous language would have allowed gambling to take place in any facilities like restaurants, Laundromats, and concession stands.

The casino commission, though, said the proposed amendment was meant to clarify sites that were already approved by the casino agreement between Best Sunshine International Ltd. and the Commonwealth Lottery Commission, which regulators said they were not a party to.

"To suggest that the casino licensee could conduct gambling activities in restaurants, Laundromats...exaggerates the truth and demonstrates a lack of understanding and awareness of existing provisions" in previous casino law and casino agreements, the commission said.

Funding, personnel, salaries

A Senate provision yesterday subjects a "Commonwealth Casino Regulatory Fee Fund" to annual appropriation beginning fiscal year 2017."

Additionally, the bill also provides that "the casino regulatory fee of \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2015" will be appropriated to the casino commission for its personnel and operations expenditures. The Senate also authorizes the commission to "hire or fill 35 full-time employee positions for FY 2016."

Casino commission personnel are currently on contracts, renewed every several months. With the exception of the \$1,000 allocated to them in next year's fiscal budget, all of the commission's costs are paid by Best Sunshine through a "casino regulatory fee."

Under the amended bill, casino commissioners will be compensated after the first year of the commission's existence at a rate of \$65,000 per year, provided that, the Senate adds, each commissioner attend "all scheduled meetings unless excused by the chairperson of the commission."

Open government

Manibusan said Friday that amendments that would exempt the casino commission from the OGA were "extraordinarily broad," freeing them from government oversight and making them a prime candidate for corruption.

The casino commission believes, however, that they need some leeway to properly investigate and regulate the casino industry as well as protect documents they believe would be sensitive and private but not covered by the OGA.

"Casino security, surveillance, cage, cashier, and other related sensitive information are confidential and should not be subject to public disclosure," the commission writes.

Manibusan had also called out a provision that he suggested would allow the commission to meet in secret and authorize its personnel to gamble at the casino, "either as part of a phony investigation, or simply because the personnel wanted to gamble."

The commission yesterday called this "insulting" to the commission's enforcement officers and "quite shocking to hear" from the CNMI's highest law enforcement officer. The regulators explained that the provision would allow undercover agents to take part in gaming when necessary. "The major focus of this activity is to track the movements of funds and to audit and certify the accuracy of the casino revenue collection and accounting process," the commission writes.

In their new version, the Senate adds a provision that would compel the commission to follow the Open Government Act.

The Senate further clarifies what may be deemed "confidential" in their substitute bill. Here, the Senate follows the AG recommendation to define confidentiality akin to the New Jersey Casino Control Act.

The following information will not be considered confidential and will be made available for public inspection:

■ A licensee's gross revenue from gaming activities and simulcast wagering;

■ The dollar amount of patron checks initially accepted by a licensee, the dollar amount of patron checks deposited to the licensee's bank account, the dollar amount of checks initially

dishonored by the bank and returned to the licensee as uncollected, and the dollar amount ultimately uncollected after all reasonable efforts;

■ The amount of gross revenue tax or investment alternative tax actually paid and the amount of investment required;

■ A list of premises and the nature of improvements, its costs and the payees for all improvements;

■ A list of premises, nature of improvements and costs which constitute the cumulative investments by which the licensee recaptured profits pursuant to Commonwealth law;

■ All quarterly annual and financial statements presenting historical data that are submitted to the commission, including all annual financial statements that have been audited by an independent certified public accountant licensed to practice in the CNMI;

■ The identity and nature of services provided by any person or firm receiving payment in any form whatsoever for professional services in connection with the authorization or conduct of games conducted at a casino establishment

Legal counsel

The Senate also allowed the commission to hire staff inclusive of "a legal counsel and other professionals."

In their letter to the AG yesterday, the commission called for an ability to secure its independent legal counsel in light of the controversial letter from the AG, and the apparent miscommunication between assistant attorneys general under Manibusan who were separately assigned to the commission and to review the bill the AG's office itself had drafted.

CUC

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"We're at 89 percent," Ruszala said.

He said the amount of megawatts that the public is using is a good indicator of the scope of the restoration.

The two figures put CUC near the 90 percent target rate for the end of October that was earlier set by Power Division manager Gary Camacho.

However, Ruszala clarified that that does not reflect how many customers are online.

The target for everyone to get power back is still sometime before Thanksgiving, he added.

Acting CUC executive director John Riegel said he is waiting for the current number of

customers that are online based on the billings.

He said three weeks ago, the percentage of customers that are online was at 70 percent but that number would have increased because of the amount of work that they've done. Riegel said they might be close to 90 percent.

Marpi, Kagman, Talofoto, and Capital Hill are some of the places that are still not energized, according to Riegel.

He said most of the non-Saipan crew have already left but the team from Colorado remains on island to assist CUC linemen.

Ruszala said that CUC's restoration work also include inspections of transformers and insulators at the top of poles.

"Restoration is more than just getting everybody power," he said.

Rotary donates \$24K to CARE

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REPORTER

Adding to the over \$210,000 in recovery efforts funding, the Rotary Club of Saipan yesterday presented a check for \$24,000 to director Jenny Hegland and consultant Geri Willis of the Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts at the Rotary's weekly meeting at Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Hegland stated that the CARE team is transitioning into long-term recovery efforts.

Earlier this month Karidat raised \$10,250 in donations, while CARE received \$30,000 from Saipan World Resort with a portion from the Lieutenant Governor's Office and a Laolao Bay Golf & Resort donation of \$10,000 from their Play Golf for Typhoon Victims fundraiser. Last week Bridge Capital, LLC donated \$35,000 worth of construction materials, while Tan Holdings donated \$150,000 raised through their Project Ayudu Saipan campaign.

According to Hegland, the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster or VOAD and other partners started work two months ago

to establish CARE.

"We're still learning about the unmet needs of the community... so in terms of our goals, part of our mission is to facilitate coordination between network partners, business and government leaders, and community volunteers," she said.

"As we've been developing CARE, we're using best practices. We're really drawing on the guidance of the VOAD so that we can learn about what's worked well in communities in the past. We've also established a fiscal agent, which is Karidat, because they are a federally recognized non-profit organization," she said.

The disaster case management program that has been set up by the Federal Emergency Management Agency is a critical component to the coordination work of CARE.

"We have developed a partnership with the Americorps Disaster Response team and this has allowed us to reach out to people in the community to establish a centralized database that will house all survivor needs going forward. As of right now we're in the process of securing financial and in-kind donations," she said.



DAISY DEMAPAN

The Rotary Club of Saipan presents a check for \$24,000 to Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts director Jenny Hegland and consultant Geri Willis during Rotary's weekly meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

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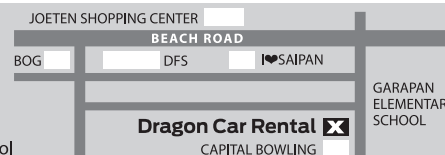
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Woman gets 18 months in prison for 'ice' possession

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

A 37-year-old woman accused of selling methamphetamine or "ice" who pleaded guilty to two counts of illegal possession of controlled substance was slapped with an 18-month prison term.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman gave Xiu Hui Wang, also known as Sister, credit for five months and 14 days of time served. Wang is expected to complete her prison term on Nov. 14, 2016. She was also ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine and \$100 court assessment fee.

Wang, who has no criminal record, has admitted wrongdoing and promised not to repeat her mistake.

As part of the plea agreement, assistant attorney general Emily Cohen moved to drop the

two counts of trafficking of a controlled substance. The court granted the motion.

Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig, who represented Wang, said there is no reason for her to spend any more time in prison and no reason for her to spend more than a full year in prison.

Hartig said Wang is an unedu-

ated, simple, unsophisticated young woman who made a terrible mistake and was misled by someone she did not know.

Hartig said Wang will be deported and never allowed to live or work in the country of her choosing.

According to Hartig, a neighbor who left for China had asked Wang to keep a box for her with

some unknown items in it until she returned. An unidentified man then came to Wang's home to get the contents of that box after her neighbor failed to return to the CNMI.

The man removed a small packet and gave Wang money, which she sent to China as instructed by the man. The man then gave Wang another packet,

waited for a phone call, and did the money-for-packet exchange again, sending the money to the former neighbor in China.

Hartig said Wang was later arrested without incident.

"Ms. Wang admits to her wrongdoing but cannot in any way but the strictest of tests be considered a drug dealer. She is rather a shy, simple country woman who was manipulated," Hartig said.

Wang used to work in garment factories. After the factories closed, she became a wait-

ress and recently worked at a massage parlor. She grew up in Anhui province, one of the poorest provinces in China. She has a daughter, who is now 15 years old who lives with Wang's mother.

CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force arrested Wang last May 13 along with three other Chinese nationals for allegedly engaging in "ice" trafficking.

Police said a cooperating source managed to buy \$180 worth of "ice" from Wang at the cooperating source's residence on Capital Hill last April 15 and \$180 worth of "ice" the following day.

Poetry competition for Veterans Day

With Veterans Day fast approaching, Best Sunshine International, Ltd. is inviting all students and the general public to participate in a poetry contest that is intended to show appreciation to veterans through a series of dedicated verses.

The contest will have four categories: (1) elementary schools (1st to 5th grades); junior high schools (6th to 8th grades); high school (9th

to 12th grades); and the public (everyone 18 years old and above).

In the elementary school category, the entry should not exceed five lines. In the junior high category, length should not exceed eight lines. High school entries should not exceed 10 lines. Entries from the public should not exceed 15 lines.

All entries should feature the subject of veterans.

Deadline for submission is Nov. 9, 2015, at 4pm. Email poems to csrbestsunshine@gmail.com or you can drop off your poems at the third floor of the Bank of Guam building in Garapan; see Kelly or Ryan at the front desk.

There will be prizes for each category. All entries will become the property of Best Sunshine International, Ltd.

For more information, contact 588-6609 during work hours. **(BSI)**

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\$25K disbursed to workers affected by Soudelor

Over \$25,000 has been disbursed by the CNMI Department of Labor for qualified individuals who lost their jobs due to Typhoon Soudelor.

According to Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero, they received about 350 applications for Disaster Unemployment Assistance of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The application period lasted more than a month starting in September.

More than \$6,000 worth of

benefits to be paid is pending, for a total of \$31,504 worth of vouchers submitted for payment.

"I have to say we're really thankful to the U.S. government for giving us this benefit. The fact is, the employers are not paying into the unemployment insurance program but

we're able to get this kind of assistance," DeLeon Guerrero said. "It's good for the employees that are affected. It provides them assistance to get back on track and get back to work."

Most of the applicants were foreign workers under the CW program, which are not eligible

for financial assistance from FEMA. Six were from Freely Associated States, while 130 were U.S. citizens.

Of the total applications, only 74 were found eligible.

"The DUA money is FEMA money administered by DOL. We have to follow those regu-

lations, that's the law," DeLeon Guerrero said.

DOL can help those who were found ineligible for Disaster Unemployment Assistance

by letting them know about job openings as long as they have valid papers and qualifications.

"Foreign workers who have valid visa can apply for the job bank," DeLeon Guerrero said. **(Frauline S. Villanueva-Dizon)**

Probable cause found to charge man in choking and stabbing of son-in-law

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho found probable cause to warrant the filing of charges against Henley Kladikm, a 47-year-old man who, while intoxicated, allegedly stabbed his son-in-law with a knife and choked him at a residence on Navy Hill.

At the preliminary hearing on Monday, Camacho found probable cause to believe that the crimes of assault with a dangerous weapon and disturbing the peace were committed and that Kladikm may have committed the offenses.

Camacho, however, found no probable cause to charge the defendant with assault and battery. He dismissed the charge without prejudice.

Camacho said that based on the testimony of a police officer, assault and battery is already a lesser-included offense of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Assistant public defender Tillman Clark served as counsel for Kladikm.

The victim, Felix Kileleman, was treated by medics in an am-

balance due to a cut in his hand, police said.

Police detective Therese S. Kintoki stated in her report that two police officers responded to Kileleman's mother's residence in China Town, where an injured person was reported last Oct. 24 at 10:03pm.

Kintoki said Kileleman told the responding officers that his father-in-law, Kladikm, broke into his house, threatened to kill him, and grabbed him around the throat.

The defendant allegedly repeatedly thrust a knife in a stabbing manner toward Kileleman while threatening to kill him. Ultimately, the victim suffered a cut on the hand.

Kileleman later managed to break free, ran out of the house and proceeded all the way to his mother's house in China Town, where he called of medical assistance because his hand was bleeding badly.

He told officers he left behind his 3-year-old daughter at his house on Navy Hill. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Happy 4th birthday to Mommy's king, Daddy's headache, Loutricia's favorite dude, and the biggest TMNTs fan: Joseph "Jojo" Tenorio Santos III! We love you to infinity and beyond! We hope all your dreams and wishes come true.

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Belated happy birthday greetings go out to Joan of Trends Beauty Salon, who celebrated her birthday yesterday. Greetings come from your friends.

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Man arrested for 'ice' possession

A habitual offender was arrested for alleged possession of 1.2 gross grams of methamphetamine or "ice" in the parking lot of a poker arcade in western Garapan on Sunday morning.

Manuel Jones Villagomez, 40, was taken to Superior Court yesterday on charges of possession of controlled substance.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a \$10,000 cash bail and set the preliminary hearing for Nov. 10 at 1:30pm.

Assistant public defender Tillman Clark appeared as counsel for Villagomez. Assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda represented the

government.

Police detective Rudolfo Saures Hermosilla Jr. stated in his report that he and two other officers were conducting a routine patrol along Plumeria Avenue in western Garapan when they spotted Villagomez getting out of a car.

Hermosilla said he saw Villagomez holding what appeared to be a glass tube that is used to smoke "ice."

The detective said he approached Villagomez and asked the other officer to search the glass tube.

Hermosilla said he also talked to another man who got out

Take part in Int'l Coastal Cleanup on Nov. 14

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's Cleanup Brigade will again deviate from its regular schedule in support of the rescheduled International Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015, starting at 8am.

If you would like to volunteer for the ICC, contact Jihan

Buniag at 664-8513 or register at <http://goo.gl/forms/Ew-ZF85qST6>.

Last month's Pau Pau Beach Cleanup drew 75 volunteers from Garapan Elementary School, Koblerville Elementary School, Saipan Southern High School, and NSA T-Ball. Best

of the driver's side of the same vehicle.

The detective said during the search, they found two baggies of "ice" in Villagomez's pant pocket and one glass tube in between the suspect's thighs.

Hermosilla said the crystal-line substance tested presumptively positive for "ice."

Villagomez was taken to the Department of Corrections, but he requested to see a doctor. On the way to the hospital, Villagomez stated he just wanted "to stroll" so he requested to see a doctor. He was taken back to the Department of Corrections. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

Sunshine's Corporate Social Responsibility Team cut the grass and chopped up fallen trees. Over 740 lbs of trash plus green waste was removed from the beach and properly disposed of.

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Joyner touts amazing experience; ready to compete



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2015 Miss Marianas Jian Joyner shares a moment with Miss Philippines Janicel Lubina, Miss Norway Cecilie Roising and Miss Hong Kong Sabrina Yeung after a parade and lunch party in Yokosuka, Japan.

After days of whirlwind tours, forums, charity work, and rehearsals, the crowning moment is set tomorrow, Nov. 5, for the 2015 Miss International Pageant in Tokyo, Japan, and the islands' ambassador, Jian Joyner, says the experience has been amazing so far.

Seventy delegates from around the world are poised for the 55th annual competition that encourages community involvement and global unity.

"It has been an amazing experience, a lot different from what I am used to, but I am glad to be a part of this. Even though I have been to Japan many times before, there were so many new places that I went to during this trip and so many new things I learned about Japan," said Joyner.

"I have also made friends with such wonderful ladies and we are already planning to meet again in our home countries," she added.

Joyner gave away fresh Marianas Coffee, Chamorro and Coconut Cookies from Herman's Bakery, and island-inspired postcards by the MV Print Club to each of the delegates as a token of Marianas hospitality.

Tomorrow, she will be competing in the national costume, swimwear, evening gown, and question and answer components of the pageant, which will be aired throughout Japan this Saturday.

For updates, visit Stellar Marianas' Facebook Page or follow Joyner on Instagram at missnorthernmarianas. (*Stellar Marianas*)

November is National Novel-Writing Month

This month is a great opportunity to join the hundreds of thousands of people around the world who will dedicate themselves this November to writing a novel as part of the celebration of National Novel-Writing Month. You too can join at NaNoWriMo.org.

What started as a "dumb idea" in 1999 has proven to be a successful method for "wannabe writers." Chris Baty, a San Francisco native, decided that what he needed to write a novel was a deadline. So he promised everyone he knew that he would write a 50,000 word novel in 30 days, and he got some of his friends to join him in the endeavor. Since then, each year, more and more writers have joined the movement. And more and more books get written.

One of the more successful books that started as a NaNoWriMo draft is *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen, which was later made into a movie starring Reese Witherspoon and Robert Pattinson. Other published novels that started as NaNoWriMo novels include *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern, *Fangirl* by Rainbow Rowell, *Wool* by Hugh Howey, and *New York Times*



bestseller *The Darwin Elevator* by Jason M. Hough. Each of three books in a young adult series—*Cinder*, *Scarlet*, and *Cress* by Marissa Meyer—were also written in first draft form during NaNoWriMo.

The goal of NaNoWriMo is quantity of words—50,000 in 30 days, and surprisingly this provides the freedom of lowered expectations and helps in the writing process to produce quality as well as quantity.

Join NaNoWriMo online and sign up for the regional lounge—Saipan novelists would join "Elsewhere: Micronesia." There is no age limit (but novelists 13 and younger sign up at the Young Writers Program) and there are no fees. Look for announcements of write-ins during the month where you can get inspired by creating and joining the writing community on Saipan. There's no better time to write your novel than now! (*PR*)



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**Head Start Policy Council
Special Meeting Agenda**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a Special Meeting on Friday, November 6, 2015 at 10:45 a.m., at Seaside, Pacific Islands Club, San Antonio, Saipan.

- I. Preliminary Matters**
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Quorum
 4. Adoption of Agenda
- II. Public Comments**
- III. Reports**
 1. Program Updates
- IV. New Business**
 1. Action Item
 - a. Approval of the Early Head Start/Child Care Partnership Grant Application; Remaining Balance of Funds
 - b. SY 15-16 Transportation Waiver Request
- V. Executive Session**
- VI. Next Meeting**
- VII. Adjournment**

This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcome to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Mrs. Candace Q. Celis at (670) 483-4399 or email address at candace.celis@cnmipss.org, several days of notice is required.

/s/ Roy Ada
Chairperson

GCA students take part in Challenge Masters Program

By **THOMAS MANGLONA II**
CORRESPONDENT

Grace Christian Academy student leaders recently participated in the Challenge Masters Program, which provides training in team building efficacy. The workshop was conducted by Division of Public Health's Becky Robles

and NMPASI project specialist Greg Borja, and program manager Tom Thornburgh.

"This program provides invaluable opportunities for team building and understanding the importance and effectiveness of working together," said GCA principal Beth Nunez.

In addition to skills training, students also heard from two

GCA alumni from the Class of 1999. Jeannie Mafnas, NMHS Deputy Corporate Director, and Alfreda Camacho of the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority presented on servant leadership and what defines an effective leader.

Mafnas felt humbled at having to speak at a campus that played a significant role in her

life. "The faculty and staff of GCA contribute so much to the students and to this community, and I will always be appreciative of the opportunities they give me to speak to their students," she said.

As a woman leader on the islands, Camacho urged the students to serve with purpose and honesty.

"...I couldn't help but remember when I used to sit in their exact seats amongst my peers while listening to speakers come from different walks of life thinking what would be my calling in this life God has blessed me with," Camacho

said. "Sharing the importance of 'servant leadership' moved me with hope I see in these students as I challenged each one of them to stand up for what is right and be the catalyst for positive change in this community we share."



Grace Christian Academy student leaders pose for a photo after a leadership training in their campus recently.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:	Civil Case No. 15-0169
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Please take notice that the petition of Secundina Untalan Pangelinan for the issuance of letters of administration of this estate shall be heard before the Honorable David A. Wiseman, Presiding/Associate Judge, on the 15th day of December, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., at the Guma Husticia, Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 14th day, October, 2015.

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Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Secundina U. Pangelinan, administratrix of the Estate of Norberto Eduardo Pangelinan, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against decedent, that within sixty (60) days after the first publication of this notice, creditors of the decedent must file their claims with the necessary vouchers in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, located at the Guma Husticia, Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 14th day, October, 2015.

/s/ SECUNDINA U. PANGELINAN
Administratrix

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Guilty of being a juvenile

A police officer's job is to protect public safety, not to enforce school discipline. That's true even in states like South Carolina that, incredibly, elevate classroom disruptions into crimes for which students can be arrested, as was the case with the Columbia, S.C., girl shown in a video Monday being tackled in her chair by a sheriff's deputy and thrown to the floor. Her criminal offense? She wouldn't put away her phone when the teacher told her to.

Teachers have tough jobs and sometimes must deal with teenagers who are defiant and disobedient. They deserve some backup—from principals and school administrators. And it's an unfortunate fact of modern life that some campuses have to deal with crime and may need police to handle situations that place students, teachers or others in physical danger.

But crime and discipline are separate issues that call for different responses. Schools must discipline themselves as well as their students, and that means not encouraging or even allowing teachers who can't handle unruly but non-dangerous students to react by calling the police.

The South Carolina incident is reigniting a debate about the unequal treatment of students by race, and rightly so. But it points to an even deeper problem: an irrational instinct on the part of the public to criminalize behavior that is undesired or unpleasant but perfectly normal. Too many juveniles are turned over to the criminal justice system for behaving like juveniles. Even among adults, acts that should be infractions are too often made misdemeanors, and too many misdemeanors become felonies.

There may well be a racial element in that kind of escalation as well, and it likely underlies the long-simmering tension between police and the communities they serve.

But it would be dishonest in the extreme for the public to sanctimoniously chide police for doing society's most difficult work. It is the public that sets the dangerous and difficult agenda for police to follow by adopting and supporting laws that seemingly turn every social challenge into a crime and every possible solution into an arrest.

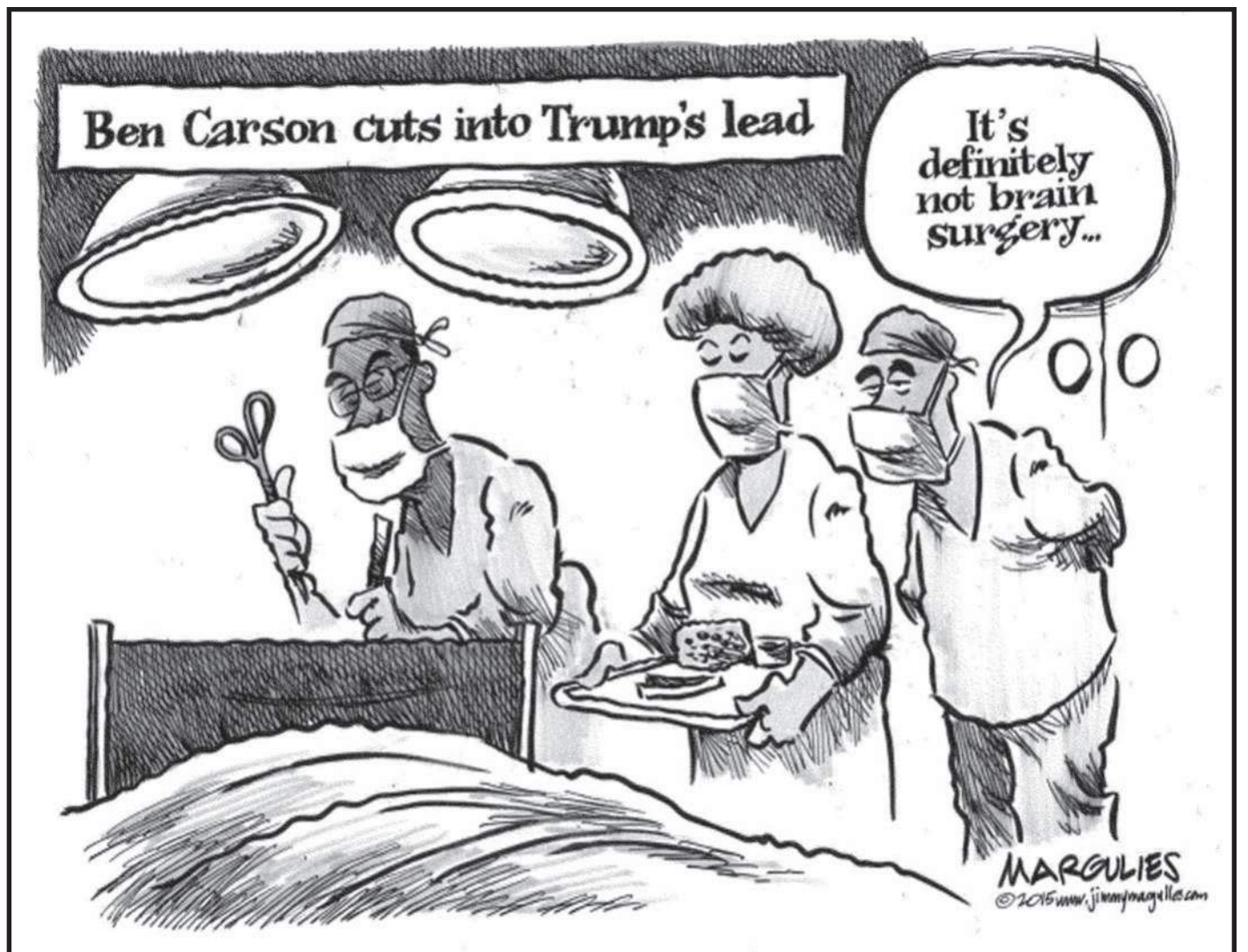
The Columbia sheriff's deputy caught on video clearly crossed a line, and his firing seems appropriate, but he never should have been in that position in the first place. Police have a big enough challenge keeping us safe. They shouldn't be asked to do all of our other difficult jobs as well.

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Plumes of life? NASA's Cassini probe seeks answers near Saturn

Last week, the Cassini spacecraft dipped into an icy, liquid geyser of a faraway world circling Saturn. The spacecraft, launched from Earth in 1997, has been orbiting the ringed planet since 2004 and doing fly-

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Citizenship Day CNMI

Off-year election today for a few gubernatorial and state positions, but there are no earth-shaking ones save possibly liberals' nostalgia for Boehner with the advent of a Paul Ryan speakership in Congress. Even Congressman Kilili's independent but usually Democrat leanings in Congress notwithstanding, the predominance and subservience of one party over another hardly affects the CNMI. The elections today do not carry much of a consequence, and I suspect Ryan is not going to come as a surprise.

How Kentucky, Louisiana, and Mississippi vote for its governor have nothing compared to what the awakened CNMI citizen does to balance its membership in the union as well as maintain its democratic integrity of mapping out its own destiny.

We are guilty, though with reason, of repeatedly focusing on the machinations of the Pentagon in the affairs of the Marianas, in the rest of the western Pacific, north and south, where the 7th Fleet of the U.S. Navy once moved up and down at will. In fact, it was the embargo on the fossil fuel supply of Japan that precipitated the surprise and devastating attack of Nippon's navy on the U.S. flotilla in Pearl Harbor that triggered the United States' entry into WWII.

But we can leave the Pentagon to its own devices. What does the CNMI citizen say about its being a part of the union? How does it relate to the constitutional triune powers of the District of Columbia, to the Pentagon and the military command in western Pacific? What role, if any, do we see ourselves playing eastward toward Pohnpei, Kosrae, the Marshalls, Hawaii, and South Polynesia; southwest to Melanesia, westward to the Philippines, Palau, Taiwan, China, and north to Japan, Korea and Russia?

We are beyond worrying about preserving the cultural remains there are of the Chamorro-Carolinian indigene that is currently said to be a reduced navel-watching ethnocentricity. We are dealing with citizenship, and in this case, it is the bluebook-carrying resident of the CNMI, whichever ethnic origins one came from.

I will speak for myself and hope that others will speak likewise. My bluebook is circa '84, my green card circa '72, though I resided in the U.S. since '65 when the floodgates of Asian immigration was opened by JFK's policy of stemming the African-American oppression in the south, the predominance of Europeans in the north, and the Asian blood unstoppable after almost a century of racial prejudice against the "slant eyes."

My hosts were delighted by my coming over as a young man barely 20 to the country that saw the "trail of tears" when Native Americans were forced to migrate to Oklahoma. I was after all beautifully brown, a color that seemed to dominate the happy middle of the racial spectrum.

As a guest, hosting WWII vets were delighted to show off the fancy wares they brought back from the Orient after the cessation of

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hostilities when the two bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki bent the knees of the god-emperor Hirohito. I learned to use chopsticks from those who proudly put a pair on my plate, assuming that I knew how to use them. Of course I didn't, but if I did not wish to go hungry I had to learn how to use them.

What has this got to do with citizenship in the CNMI today? Well, mine got blown wide open with the Earthrise consciousness of Apollo 8's famed photo of the planet Earth from the moon's horizon. Christmas of '69 took more photos of men stepping on the surface of the moon. A consciousness of global citizenship ripped open my national identity. Technically born an American national, I grew up with the U.S. English as my primary language, then forcibly transformed into a "foreigner" a year later with the granting of Philippine independence, and the immediate passage of the Rescission Act that negated Roosevelt's induction of Philippine fighters vs. Japan as full-blooded vets.

My struggle with the civil rights movement and the protest against the war in Vietnam, a defensive posture of perpetual contrariness, found expression in Earthrise consciousness (fragility of the land mass, coastal, and marine life, in no small measure a product of human indifference) that birthed Earthbound commitment (promoting eco-friendly practices).

Today folks sign up to be global citizens, not as bystanders but as active participants in a global ethos that is the tenor of our time. Global citizenship is the new practical form of our allegiance and fealty, a very American sentiment in spite of the kneejerk conceit of Caucasian supremacy lingering in our archaic military agenda.

My earthrise consciousness and earthbound commitment derives from my American citizenship, faithful to its promise and forgiving of its limitations. Citizenship in the CNMI is not about percentage of Carolinian and Chamorro blood; it is about being a responsible global citizen in 2015, the form of which remains in individual hands, at least until it locates corporate dynamic in disciplined sense, heart, mind, and will.

Be a citizen. Of the world.

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Did you say issues?

Occasionally, Magoo and I would shoot the breeze weaving in and out of redundant issues just to see where progress may have been made even accidentally. I call it our “talk stories” conversation.

He said he loves discussing issues but why the same issues all over again? I said it’s called “redundancy” gift wrapped in our special ability to forget them almost instantly. Thus, we repeat the same mistakes, time and again, as though a new experience has descended! Dumb!

Fiscal: The boys are angling to use MPLT funds to augment recovery efforts. Specifically, the administration is looking at funds coming from land leases of indigenous public land for this purpose. This isn’t the first time “segregated” funds have been eyed as largess.

How would indigenous landowners partake in this decision and who among servile political stalwarts would be there to guard and protect the interest of the indigenous people? Just the idea of “peeping” into indigenous money is a tale of impending fiscal crisis never before seen in our developmental history!

Take away 80 percent from the projected \$145 million in revenue for this fiscal year. You have some \$20 million left for all others. Isn’t it true that cumulatively PSS and CHC need more than \$80 million to function this year? How do we pay some \$62 million for fuel so CUC can keep the lights on? You do the simple math here. Get my rift?

Road Map: The NMI snores as issues of significance await discussion and disposition from both our side and the feds. There are orders to clear the local labor roster of CW workers by 2019. Has there been discussion (NMI and feds) how this would adversely affect the labor-intensive tourism industry here?

A majority of workers in hotels here are CW1 workers. What happens when their contracts are terminated by 2019 without a realistic transition program in place? Do we sacrifice the economy for the sake or fulfilling US Immigration dictates? Isn’t this more an economic matter than anything else and isn’t this the very crux of the urgency today?

This is where policymakers seem punch drunk how to connect the dots. Yes, it pertains to foreign workers whose eventual disposition without due diligence seriously implicates the likely collapse of the local economy. Forced comprehension is a must at this juncture hoping we know the issue before the train leaves the station. Got this one Digu’?

Hopefully, both sides would meet and resolve the issue before us. I venture to say that given the lack of warm bodies here for the immediate and long-term basis, realistic alternatives would have to include granting the nearly 13K foreign workers US Citizenship just to cushion the local economy.

Retirees: GovGuam retirees just received their COLA of \$2,000 apiece. Should help improve their fixed income meet a myriad of tiny increases throughout the year including cost of medication. Are retirees in the NMI getting anything at all or do we march alongside others who have been struggling in the sea of stagnant wages for fourteen years now?

Even our monthly pension pay is suspect solely reliant on revenue collection. If there’s insufficiency, there comes the concurrent

bubble up in payment. Keep praying that BS is around for at least another five years to cover its donation of \$30 million every two years. Keeps the program going for whatever it’s worth!

Metastasizing BS: The lyrics to BS’s music on its integrated resort project keeps changing from \$7.1 billion to \$3 billion to any other figure you wish to plug at your own risk. Braving completely superficial and false spouts of terms of total investment isn’t a guarantee the NMI would get what it’s promised. This is due to project funds placed in speculation land solely reliant on what it could sell at the HK stock exchange.

Anybody buying or has such venture been a consistent loss? With economic diversification ordered in Macau by President Xi Jinping effectively destroying the Triad and a decision by Reno, Nevada, to diversify beyond casino tidings dims this sector from turning into an economic mainstay. Could we draw timely lessons from this or do we ignore once again? When do we engage comprehension on issues that matter?

Disillusioned: If your representative or senator is inattentive or seem to be suffering from dyslexic illusion of sort, see if he hasn’t been compromised with a little gift from the friends of the casino community among the elected elite. Hey! That’s the club to join!

What’s the outward symptom? A big smile that shines brightly even on overcast and rainy days. There’s the ever-present smile that isn’t a smile anymore but a nuisance.

This group has its own language. It no longer talks about prob-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please veto House Bill 19-95

It is alarming and frightening to know that the CNMI Legislature has passed House Bill 19-95, without much deliberation or thought as to its adverse public policy consequences.

If signed into law by the governor, House Bill 19-95 will exempt the Commonwealth Lottery Commission from many of the substantive provisions of the Open Government Act. Its main purpose is apparently to exempt the commission in matters affecting Best Sunshine, the exclusive casino licensee, from the reach of the Open Government Act. And this will be extremely detrimental and contrary to furthering the best interest of the people of the CNMI.

If this bill becomes law, all proceedings, all records and all hearings involving Best Sunshine will be conducted or kept in secret. All commission documents involving Best Sunshine will be kept confidential. No member of the public will be allowed to obtain any public documents regarding public hearings and proceedings involving Best Sunshine. No member of the public will ever know what’s going on between the commission and Best Sunshine.

What is going on? Why do the House, the Senate and the administration appear to be in cahoots with Best Sunshine almost all of the time? First, they enacted the exclusive casino license legislation with lightning speed, without any public hearing, and contrary to past public referenda. Then they engaged in making several amendments to the initial casino license legislation in order to fit Best Sunshine’s exclusive interest. And now, as crowning glory, they have decided to exempt the commission from the Open Government Act with respect to Best Sunshine primarily. In so doing, everything and anything involving Best Sunshine that is before the Commonwealth Lottery Commission will be kept secret, and the people of the Commonwealth will remain in the dark as to what’s going on with Best Sunshine and its operations. Is this what we want?

There is simply not one good reason for this private-interest legislation. The CNMI government is shooting itself in the foot. And we shall at some point regret having passed such “sweetheart” legislation. The only possible reason I could surmise for the Legislature passing this special interest legislation is all the money that Best Sunshine has been doling out to the government, to the public, to NGOs, to the schools, and to so many others.

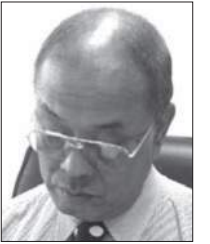
But there is no such thing as a “free lunch.” At some point, whoever gives you something for “free” will ask you for a favor, i.e., for something in return. This is the “quid pro quo,” as they say in Latin. At some point the government has to return the favor. But that is not the way any self-respecting government should operate. Otherwise, the CNMI will be seen as a corrupt place to do business. Is this what we want to be?

I, therefore, call on Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Ralph Torres to please veto this measure. Please follow the dictates of the people who elected you, not the private interest of friends and cronies. It is bad for

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lems in the villages but more like trips abroad paid for by “our sponsor.” And they aren’t worried about their re-election. Someone’s already set to bankroll their expenses.

Wow! How come nobody wants to bribe me? I know I’m not a super human being but a perfect person with human frailties too, yeah? Anyway, I’m looking for a BS T-shirt to wear every Friday and Sunday in hopes they’d offer me a job as trash collector on the floor of the casino. But then it’s destined to fall flat on its face. Do I want the association of grand failure?

Pray: My friend was at the cemetery placing wreaths for loved ones. I winked at him while he reciprocated, smiling. We finally met up and shook hands quizzing while laughing when would we be interned so we join the chorus too. He said, “Don’t know when but whatever it may be, when He brings you to it, he makes sure He pulls you through it too.” How true the words of wisdom!

the government, bad for the people of the CNMI, bad for the commission, and bad for Best Sunshine. Best Sunshine should have nothing to hide, if its casino operation in the Commonwealth is to go forward and succeed. Just follow the law, like everyone else does.

Jose S. Dela Cruz

Navy Hill, Saipan

Stop the insanity!

Mrs. Teregeyo did suffer from both negligence and malice. I was one of three orthopedic surgeons who operated on her during the course of five additional surgeries here in the mainland. I did this because I once cared for her as a patient, was not permitted the due process to finish supervising her care, she sustained a complication and was in trouble and my physician’s honor commanded me to help her as best as I could—unfortunately from off island due to the bad administration of CHCC. If I am speaking out of turn then let’s just let Mrs. Teregeyo have her day in court and let a jury decide.

I would have done this for any person that was once under my care. A patient should never suffer because of something bad that happened to me personally. My responsibility does not stop just because of being off-island.

Mrs. Teregeyo had infected dead bone removed, antibiotic impregnated beads placed and further intravenous antibiotics. She had a 75 percent chance of losing her leg to an amputation at the thigh, which would have permanently confined her to a wheelchair.

Mrs. Teregeyo’s knee was destroyed. An artificial knee was replaced but this has a high chance of becoming re-infected in the future because of all of the metal and plastic and because some of the bugs can make cocoons in the pores of the metal and hide for years from the body’s immune system.

As a surgeon, I know that sometimes surgeries work and sometimes they don’t. The infection can come back even 10 years later. It wasn’t us as doctors that saved her leg; it was the good Lord. It is His will alone who decides the outcome. Why did He decide to save Mrs. Teregeyo’s leg? I stand on His decision of what was best for her and to answer any questions of her worthiness.

It is a bad administrative policy to have an orthopedic surgeon come for one month and then leave. The operation is only one small piece of the process to a successful outcome. Who will look out for the orthopedic post-operative care when the surgeon leaves? Why is everyone that cannot tolerate the low standards of working with Muña publicly discredited in the newspapers? I have not known that many unconscionable doctors and CFOs as the stories that come out of CHCC and then make it to the newspapers suggest. How do we console the families of the five guilty verdicts that attorney Dotts already has against CHCC? What does it take to force reason into the eyes of the naysayers? I humbly once again call on the Honorable Governor to please, for the love of God and the people, convene a review board and put a stop to this insanity!

Grant Walker, MD

via email

EDITORIAL

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bys of its moons. Cassini’s primary mission is to gather information about how the solar system was formed.

Once the craft approached Enceladus, a powder-white moon with turquoise stripes across a frozen surface, excitement at NASA mounted. Hundreds of geysers on Enceladus’ southern pole shoot water-like liquid miles into the air. Cassini had earlier detected salt crystals and organic molecules in the vapor above the moon’s surface.






Last week NASA ordered the spacecraft to take a deep dive 30 miles above Enceladus’ surface into a plume to see if it could confirm the presence of molecular hydrogen and possibly complex organic molecules.

Any indications of molecular hydrogen would point to the possibility of hot vents on Enceladus’ ocean floor. Ocean vents on Earth were the source of the energy and nutrients required for life to begin. Where there’s hydrothermal activity, scientists believe the possibility of life increases dramatically.

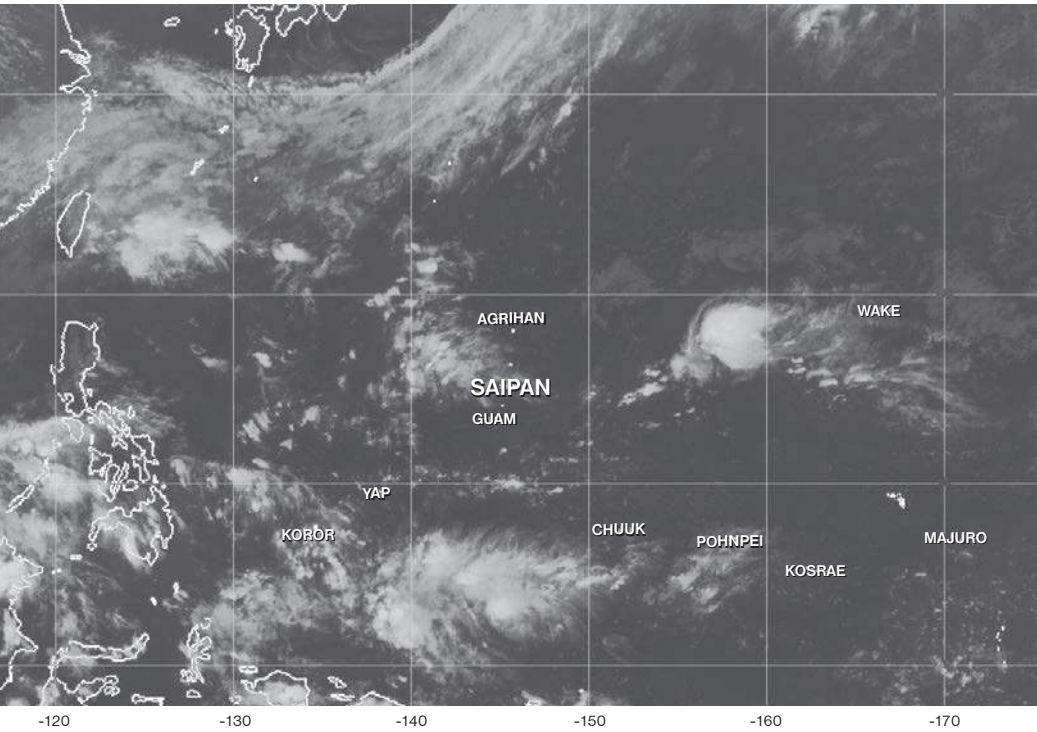
Weeks or months from now, when Cassini’s data can be fully interpreted, NASA will determine if the moon should be a priority for follow-up missions. Thanks to this probe, humans have a chance to learn if any of the building blocks for life exist nearby, in Earth’s very neighborhood.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front stretches southwestward from 25N140E to beyond 130E at 22N. Cloudiness and patchy rain are found along and north of the front to beyond 25N. A shear line undulates eastward from 17N139E over Saipan to 13N155E then northeastward to 17N160E and finally southeastward to end southeast of Wake Island at 14N174E. Cloudiness, patchy areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen along and up to 75 miles north of the shear line. Winds converging near the equator are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Koror or south of a line from 4N130E to 4N135E and southeast of Yap between 5N and 1N from 141E to 148E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers southwest of Pohnpei within 100 miles of a line from 4N154E to 3N158E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 87	▼ 79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 80
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲ 88	▼ 78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 80
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85	▼ 80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Rain	▲ 59	▼ 47
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲ 63	▼ 47
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲ 82	▼ 76
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲ 88	▼ 76
London	Showers	▲ 58	▼ 51
Los Angeles	Showers	▲ 66	▼ 52
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲ 91	▼ 76
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 82	▼ 61
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85	▼ 77
New York	Sunny	▲ 72	▼ 55
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲ 73	▼ 54
Paris	Cloudy	▲ 61	▼ 51
Pusan	Sunny	▲ 69	▼ 50
Rome	Cloudy	▲ 71	▼ 56
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 56	▼ 39
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 63	▼ 50
Seoul	Sunny	▲ 67	▼ 42
Tokyo	Sunny	▲ 68	▼ 50
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲ 72	▼ 50



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Saipan Harbor			
12:26 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
7:46 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
3:06 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
9:21 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
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Saturday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Sunday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	12:04 AM	12:56 PM
Thursday	12:54 AM	1:37 PM
Friday	1:42 AM	2:16 PM
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UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA2920	12:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
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ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
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OZ628	3:50am	7:40am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7	OZ625	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5	OZ627	9:30pm	2:50am+1	Daily
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
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CARE cleanup nets 110 cubic yards of storm debris

Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts continued with its volunteer storm debris sorting and removal project this past weekend, focusing its volunteer efforts in Garapan. During the group's operation on Saturday, Oct. 31, CARE sorted 110 cubic yards of storm debris, conducted 20 client intakes/damage assessments, helped six homes, and removed three hazardous trees.

» More volunteers sought for upcoming Dandan cleanup

trained by CARE and AmeriCorps conducted the work, giving a total of 272 volunteer hours of service. Volunteers included individuals as well as groups from Best Sunshine International Ltd., Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, and students from Marianas High School, Kagman High School, Saipan Southern High School, and Saipan International School.

CARE partnered with United 4 Saipan and AmeriCorps for this event, and was assisted with removal of 50 cubic yards of storm debris by the CNMI Department of Public Works, the Saipan Mayor's Office, and MINA. Now into its sec-



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Volunteers for the Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts remove storm debris this past weekend in Garapan.

ond full weekend, CARE's 250 cubic yards of storm debris through the efforts of 194 volunteers committing 563

volunteer hours.

"CARE will be continuing our debris cleanup project this upcoming weekend," said Hegland. "We are asking for volunteers to join us again this weekend to assist the residents of Dandan in sorting and preparing for the removal of dangerous debris from their village. While we cannot remove all the debris in one weekend, our goal is to provide as many helping hands as possible and to help residents learn the proper ways to sort storm debris so it will be eligible for removal when the CNMI contract is in place to complete islandwide debris removal."

CARE will again be partnering with United 4 Saipan and AmeriCorps for this cleanup event, along with

Rep. Ed Propst and his team. Volunteer shifts will be 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm. Interested volunteers are asked to meet at the Dandan softball field. There they will be assigned to a team leader who will direct their cleanup efforts. Volunteers are encouraged to wear long pants and closed-toe walking shoes. Water and lunch will be provided to all volunteers.

CARE is helping to build a more resilient community by facilitating coordination between network partners, business and government leaders, and community volunteers, identifying unmet needs, and delivering long-term support to those most impacted by disaster. For more information, go to www.cnmi-care.org. (CARE)

Sons of Saipan donates boxes of school supplies

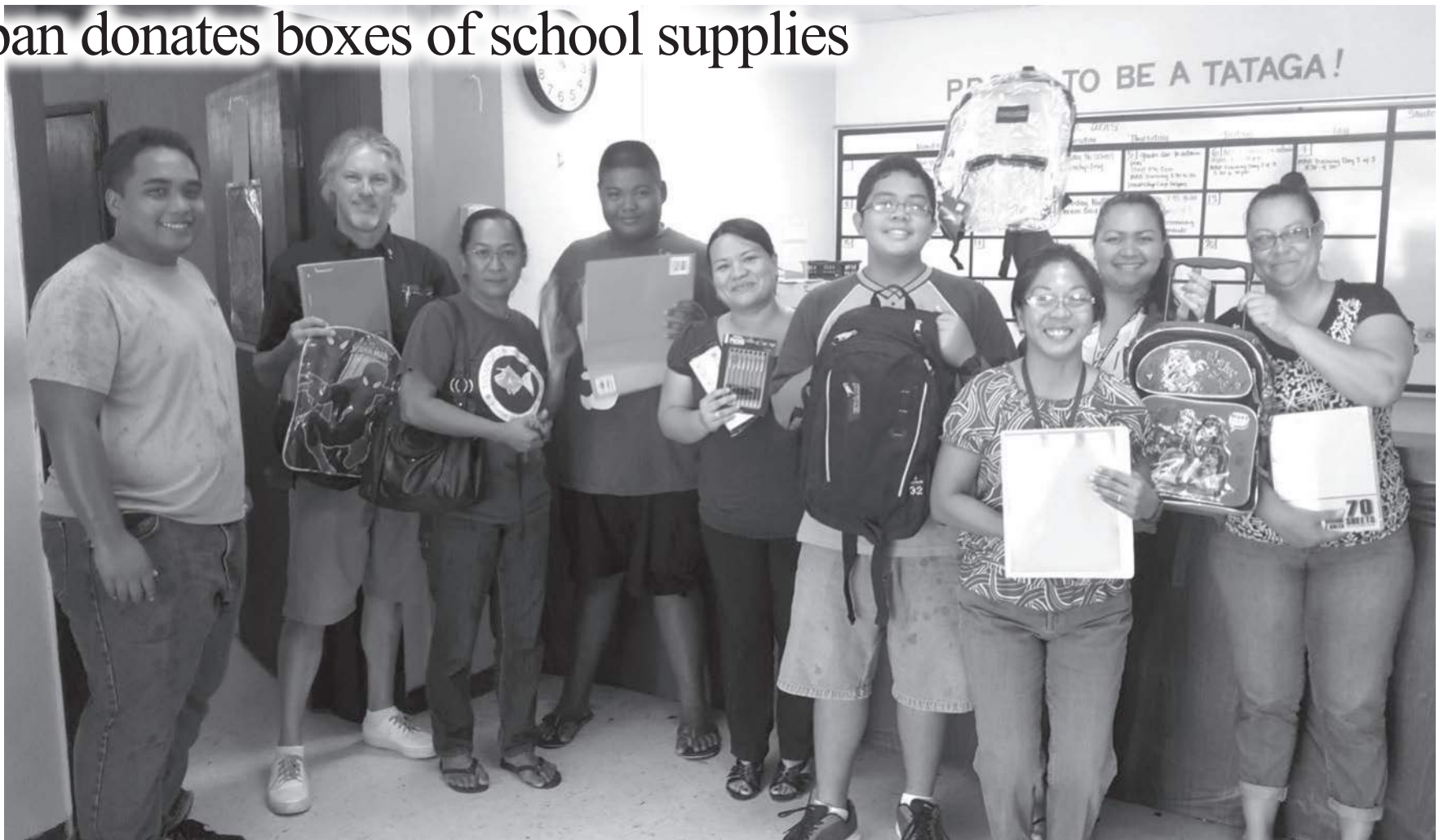
As the Commonwealth continues with its recovery efforts on Saipan, the Rotary Club of Saipan recently facilitated a donation from the Sons of Saipan group in Guam to the Tanapag Middle School.

A total of five boxes loaded with all manners of school supplies were donated to help students continue their education and help minimize the affects of from Typhoon Soudelor.

Erica Thornburgh, principal of Tanapag Middle School, said the supplies are very much needed and their students will be the beneficiaries of these donations.

Rotary Club vice president Brian Clayton was on hand to haul and donate items on Monday at 11am.

The Sons of Saipan are former residents of Saipan that now live in Guam such as Sam McPhetres Jr., Kevin Barnes, Jojo Camacho, Amir Unis, etc. They donated a total of 17 boxes of school supplies. Among these were the five boxes that Rotary turned over to Tanapag Middle School. (PR)



The Rotary Club of Saipan facilitates a donation from the Sons of Saipan group in Guam to the Tanapag Middle School.

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MINA, partners collect over 20K lbs of typhoon debris

After the storm passed Saipan, one of the most visible signs of Typhoon Soudelor was the debris strewn across the island. The beaches were no excep-

tion. Tin, nails, wood, and trees made these places largely inaccessible and sometimes unsafe for the communities that frequent them. It wasn't

only a problem for the people. This debris on the beach, which can easily make its way to the water, had the potential to damage reefs, harm fish,

and pollute Saipan's amazing marine environment.

To help address this problem and to assist with the island-wide recovery effort, the Mi-

cronesia Islands Nature Alliance and volunteers conducted several debris cleanups. During the months of August and September the team collected over 20,000 lbs of debris from Tanapag and Laolao.

MINA will continue to hold

cleanups throughout the year. If you would like to volunteer, contact Jojo Cruz at 233-7333, check out our Facebook page, email minaoutreach@gmail.com, or visit us at our office on Middle Road in the Gualo Rai Center. (MINA)



Volunteers work to separate the plywood and tin left on the beach by Typhoon Soudelor.

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MINA rangers and community workers from the office of Rep. Vinnie Sablan help remove debris from Tanapag Middle School.

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Business

EPA says Volkswagen cheated a 2nd time on pollution tests

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Volkswagen emissions scandal widened Monday when the U.S. government accused the German automaker of cheating for a second time. Although VW denied the charge, it faced the prospect of steeper fines and lost sales, as well as more intense scrutiny from disbelieving U.S. lawmakers.

The Environmental Protection Agency, along with the California Air Resources Board, said Volkswagen installed software on thousands of Audi, Porsche and VW cars with six-cylinder diesel engines that allowed them to emit fewer pollutants during tests than in real-world driving. The previous revelations of cheating involved four-cylinder diesels in smaller cars.

U.S. regulators continue to tell owners of all the affected cars they are safe to drive, even as they emit nitrogen oxide, a contributor to smog and respiratory problems, in amounts that exceed EPA standards—up to nine times above accepted levels in the six-cylinder engines and up to 40 times in the four-cylinders.

Volkswagen denied that software was installed on the larger



In this Oct. 13, 2015 file photo, a Volkswagen Touareg diesel is tested in the Environmental Protection Agency's cold temperature test facility in Ann Arbor, Mich.

diesels “to change the emissions values in any impermissible way” and vowed to cooperate with the EPA.

But Members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which is investigating the scandal, said it's time for VW to come clean. “The latest revelations raise the question, where does VW's road of deceit end?” said a joint statement

by Chairman Fred Upton, R-Michigan, and senior lawmakers from both parties.

VW officials, including U.S. CEO Michael Horn in congressional testimony, have claimed only a small number of software developers in Germany were responsible for the computer code that let the cars trick U.S. government emissions tests. On Monday,

analysts said the latest charges call those claims into question.

“Volkswagen would do well to immediately and completely disclose all people and products involved in this deception, no matter how far-reaching,” said Karl Brauer, senior analyst for Kelley Blue Book.

Monday's announcement makes the notion that only a limited number of people were

involved in the deception appear “even more outrageous,” Brauer said.

The violations cover models including the 2014 VW Touareg, 2015 Porsche Cay-

enne and the 2016 Audi A6 Quattro, A7 Quattro, A8 and Q5. The agency said a recall is possible, but it wants to make sure whatever fixes Volkswagen proposes are appropriate.

Communication styles vary, but workplace emails ought to get to the point

YOUR OFFICE COACH

By MARIE G. MCINTYRE
McClatchy-Tribune News Service



Marie G. McIntyre is a workplace coach and the author of “Secrets to Winning at Office Politics.”

Q: My colleagues frequently complain that my emails are too long. Because my thoughts seem to occur in “long form,” it takes a lot of time to edit, shorten, tighten and cut an email from several paragraphs to one. When I’m rushed, upset, emotionally invested or trying to be thorough, this is especially difficult.

Must I really be so superficial and minimalist that my emails seem more like telegrams than thoughtful communications? Should I have to suppress half of my communication impulses? What if I don’t have time for this extra work?

A: If your emails constitute a brain dump, in which you share every thought crossing your mind, then you are being inconsiderate. Skipping the editing step may be faster for you, but your colleagues are forced to spend time sifting through verbiage to figure out what you want.

To solve this problem, you must specifically define what you’re trying to accomplish with each email. Once you’ve figured that out, clearly state your goal at the beginning. When you’re finished, review your work and remove any comments unrelated to that objective.

Of course, you may still hear complaints, because people have different communication preferences. “Comprehensive communicators” strive to fully understand the circumstances, so they like having a complete picture. “Concise communicators”, on the other hand, just want basic facts and action steps.

When one type shares information with the other, problems frequently arise. Comprehensive may believe their succinct co-workers are withholding information, while the concise folks feel bombarded with unnecessary detail. So when crafting an email, you should consider the recipient.

Finally, here’s one last suggestion. You state that it takes time to “edit, shorten, tighten and cut.” Since any one of those four words would have been quite sufficient, you may also want to review your writing for redundancies.

Q: I’m afraid an old mugshot may hurt my chances of getting hired. Ten years ago, after being laid off at age 49, I decided that I could afford to take early retirement. A few years later, I was falsely arrested and accused of battery. The case was eventually dropped.

Because my retirement projections were overly optimistic, I have recently begun looking for work. My record can easily be found online, so I’m concerned that any application I submit will be rejected before I even have an interview. Any suggestions?

A: The bad news is that this mugshot is not your only problem. After 10 years of retirement, you must also convince employers that you are truly motivated to return to work. The good news, however, is that both these obstacles can be reduced through networking.

Whenever applicants have difficult circumstances in their background, networking becomes critically important. Personal contact can create a positive first impression and provide a chance to explain complex facts. And a referral from someone familiar usually increases employer confidence.

Many books and online resources can suggest networking strategies, but the key to success is putting in the effort. Job seekers often waste valuable time sitting in front of a computer when they should be trying to connect with people.

E. coli in Northwest marks Chipotle’s 3rd outbreak this year

SEATTLE (AP)—Chipotle closed 43 of its Pacific Northwest locations after the chain’s third foodborne illness this year sickened about two dozen people—prompting renewed scrutiny of a company that touts its use of fresh ingredients and farm-sourced fare.

Cases of the bacterial illness were traced to six of the casual Mexican food restaurants, but the company voluntarily closed down all of its locations in Washington and the Portland, Oregon, area as a precaution as an investigation continues.

Three people in the Portland area and 19 people in western Washington have gotten sick with E. coli as of Friday. Seventeen of them had eaten at a Chipotle restaurant during the past few weeks. Eight people have

been hospitalized but no deaths have been reported.

About a dozen more people were being tested for E. coli on Monday in Washington state and health officials were aggressively searching for more cases, said Dr. Scott Lindquist, state epidemiologist for communicable diseases for the Washington State Department of Health.

Lindquist does not expect the number of sick people to increase dramatically, and he said they are not positive yet that the outbreak is limited to people who ate at Chipotle restaurants over the past few weeks.

Those sickened in the E. coli outbreak range in age from 11 to 61. Lindquist did not have any detailed information about their medical conditions.

Chipotle has faced other re-



cent foodborne outbreaks. A salmonella outbreak linked to tomatoes sickened dozens of people in Minnesota beginning in August, according to state health officials. In California, health workers said norovirus

sickened nearly 100 customers and employees at a Chipotle restaurant in Simi Valley in mid-August.

“Having three problems in a couple of months means that Chipotle is not paying attention to food safety like it should,” said Bill Marler, a Seattle food safety lawyer who built his national reputation with the 1993 E. coli outbreak at Seattle Jack in the Box restaurants.

The common denominator in most food-borne illness outbreaks is poor food safety, Marler said.

People should not assume a company that focuses on local and fresh ingredients—like Chipotle—is going to be immune from food safety issues, he said.

“People shouldn’t have a false sense of security that local means safer,” Marler said.

Federal jury to settle bitter battle between sweeteners

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Big Sugar and Big Corn face off in court this week in a bitter, multi-billion-dollar battle of sweeteners that boils down to a mix of science, semantics and marketing.

Jurors in the case between sugar processors and corn manufacturers will take up one of nutrition’s most vexing debates and confront a choice common among some consumers: sugar or high fructose corn syrup?

The trial starting Tuesday in federal court grew out of efforts by the Corn Refiners Association to rebrand its high fructose corn

syrup as “corn sugar” to reverse damaging publicity that associated it with diabetes and obesity.

Its ad campaign featured a TV commercial with a father walking with his daughter across a cornfield and saying that he’s reassured by experts that high fructose corn syrup is the same as cane sugar.

“Your body can’t tell the difference,” he says. “Sugar is sugar.”

That didn’t go over well with the Western Sugar Cooperative and other sugar processors, who sued the corn refiners and Archer

Daniels Midland Co. and Cargill Inc. for false advertising. They are seeking as much as \$2 billion.

Corn refiners and the two agribusiness giants countersued, charging the sugar industry with making false and misleading statements that included a comment that high fructose corn syrup is as addictive as crack cocaine. They are seeking \$530 million.

Jurors will hear from experts on both sides of the debate, getting a mix of science and spin. They will also see damning internal documents that show

what was happening behind closed doors.

Corn refiners will present evidence that the sugar industry was behind the pounding that high fructose corn syrup took in public opinion as sugar tried to regain market share it lost when food producers switched to the cheaper corn product that came on the market in the 1970s.

“We were just getting torpedoes in the press with all this junk science about high fructose corn syrup,” said attorney Neil Murphy, who represents corn refiners. “They were feeding the media.”

Nation

Youths across US suing to push government on climate change

SEATTLE (AP)—They can't vote yet, but dozens of young people want a say in the planet's future, so minors nationwide have been suing states and the federal government in recent years to push action on climate change.

They say their generation will bear the brunt of global warming and that government at every level has an obligation to protect natural resources, including the atmosphere, as a "public trust" for future generations.

The Oregon-based nonprofit Our Children's Trust has been leading efforts to file lawsuits or administrative petitions in every state and against the federal government. Some of the youth-led cases have been dismissed, while others are pending in states including Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Oregon.

"None of them have gotten to the finish line," said Michael Gerrard, a professor and director of the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia University. "It's an uphill climb. The U.S. courts have so far not wanted to set climate policy."

Other experts say it's unclear how a state can combat a global problem.

AP: Officer sex cases plagued by lax supervision, policies

WEST SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—As darkness falls, the most tattered section of this town's main drag feels more desperate with each passing hour. Under the cover of night, a slow but steady flow of wandering souls emerges—addicts, prostitutes, drifters. Sergio Alvarez knew the pickings were easy.

As a rookie officer on the West Sacramento police force, Alvarez was assigned to the overnight shift on a beat that included West Capitol Avenue. He volunteered to stay on late-night duty and, over his nearly six years on the job, he gained seniority and almost always patrolled alone. With the solitude came opportunity.

"That's where Alvarez falls through the cracks," said Sacramento attorney Justin Gingery, whose firm represented four of eight women who said they were sexually assaulted by the officer, many in a dark alley near "West Cap." Convicted last year of kidnapping five of those women and either raping them or forcing them to perform oral sex, Alvarez is now serving 205 years to life in prison.

Alvarez is a poster child of a predator cop—and of the flaws in policies, technological glitches, and culture of policing that can allow such behavior to go unnoticed or unpunished until it's too late. His case prompted

In Seattle, eight activists between ages 10 and 15 petitioned Washington state last year to adopt stricter science-based regulations to protect them against climate change. The case has been moving through a state court, and oral arguments are scheduled Tuesday.

"We're the ones who have to live with it if the oceans are acidic and the planet is 5 degrees warmer," said Gabriel Mandell, 13, an eighth-grader and plaintiff in the case. "The snowpack is melting. Ocean is acidifying. The Earth is warming. Everything that can go wrong is going wrong, and we need to fix it."

Mandell and other youths represented by the Western Environmental Law Center argue that Washington state has failed to reduce carbon emissions based on the best available science. They say the government has violated its duties under the state constitution and the legal principle called the public trust doctrine, which requires the government to protect shared resources.

The state said in court documents that the Washington Department of Ecology department was working on adopting

civil lawsuits over police procedures, with a total of \$4.1 million to be paid to six victims who sued, and left a new chief taking a hard look at the way the department does business.

"It hurts the heart to see victims. But it makes it even worse when you are, in one way, shape or form, a contributing factor to them being hurt," said Tom McDonald, a former captain for the Los Angeles Police Department who took over in West Sacramento after Alvarez's arrest.

A yearlong Associated Press investigation illuminated the problem of rape and sexual misconduct committed by law officers in the United States, uncovering about 1,000 cops, jail guards, deputies and others who lost their licenses from 2009 through 2014 for such incidents. There are most certainly even more than that, because some states did not provide records and others, including New York and California, said they do not decertify officers for misconduct.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police spotlighted the problem of sex abuse by officers in a 2011 report that said certain conditions of the job may help create opportunities for officers to take advantage of victims—having authority over others, patrolling alone and late at night, and engaging with vulnerable citizens.



In this photo taken Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015, teenage environmental activists Aji Piper, left, 15, Lara Fain, 13, Gabriel Mandell, 13, and Wren Wagenbach, 14, playfully pose for a photo after a rally they spoke at in Seattle.

a rule to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

"Climate change is the most important environmental problem," said Stu Clark, Washington's air quality program manager.

"We need to do whatever we can. We are doing what we can with what we have."

Nationwide, the cases need to pass certain legal hurdles, such as establishing that the pub-

lic trust doctrine applies to the Earth's atmosphere or that the children have standing to sue. The cases have cleared some hurdles but not all, said Gerrard, the professor.

White House calls Ryan's immigration remarks 'preposterous'

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House on Monday accused new House Speaker Paul Ryan of "pandering to the extreme right wing" of his party on immigration.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Ryan's recent comments on an immigration overhaul are "preposterous" and disappointing.

The Wisconsin Republican said Sunday that he's ruled out passing comprehensive immigration legislation while President Barack Obama is in office. He said Obama cannot be trusted on the issue because he went around Congress to take executive actions shielding from deportation millions of people living in the country illegally.

Earnest called the remark "ironic." He said it's Ryan who supported an immigration deal,

then failed to push for it to come up for a vote in the House.

Hillary Rodham Clinton's presidential campaign also jumped on Ryan's remarks.

The comments show "the extreme wing of the Republican caucus still controls the agenda in the House," Lorella Praeli, the campaign's Latino outreach director, said in a statement noting Clinton's support for Obama's executive actions. "It is clear the stakes in next year's elections could not be higher."

The criticism comes as Ryan is maneuvering carefully on the issue of immigration, long a priority for him. With most House conservatives wary of anything that could constitute "amnesty" for the 11.5 million immigrants living here illegally, Ryan has offered repeated assurances, before and after becoming speaker

last week, that he will not pursue comprehensive immigration legislation as long as Obama is president.

It's a new stance for Ryan, who as recently as last year was working behind the scenes in the House to promote immigration legislation following Senate passage of a comprehensive bill, including a path to citizenship for those here illegally.

The secretive House efforts largely collapsed in the aftermath of former Majority Leader Eric Cantor's upset loss in a GOP primary in June of 2014, attributed to Cantor's supposed support for immigration legislation.

Ryan even embraced eventual citizenship for those here illegally, something that's anathema to many conservatives. In a 2013 appearance before the City Club of Chicago alongside

"I don't think this litigation is going to be successful because climate change is a global problem, and it's not clear what a state could do," added Richard Stewart, a law professor at New York University. "A state could do certain things, but it can only make an infinitesimal contribution" to a global problem.

In Oregon, two Eugene teens are appealing after a state judge rejected their petition in May. The judge ruled that Oregon's public trust doctrine does not apply to the atmosphere, water, beaches and shorelines.

In August, 21 youths across the country sued the federal government, alleging that approval of fossil fuel development has violated the fundamental right of citizens to be free from government actions that harm life, liberty and property.

The EPA did not comment on specifics of the lawsuit but said in a statement that President Barack Obama and the agency have been taking action to "give our kids and grandkids the cleaner, safer future they deserve."

the leading pro-immigrant activist in the House, Democratic Rep. Luis Guterrez of Illinois, Ryan said: "We do not want to have a society where we have different classes of people who cannot reach their American dream by being a full citizen. That is a very important part of immigration reform."

Asked Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press" about his support for a "path to citizenship," Ryan emphasized something different, saying: "Well, legal status is what I was talking about."

Legal status versus citizenship is an important distinction, partly because only citizenship confers the right to vote. His office said Ryan supports "earned legal status," noting that this could eventually lead to citizenship through existing channels.

Jimmy Carter says he feels fine, keeps busy despite cancer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Jimmy Carter resumed his role as Habitat for Humanity's most prominent booster on Monday, donning a white hard hat and a worn leather belt stocked with his own tools to hammer and saw with other volunteers building a home in Memphis, Tennessee.

"We haven't cut back on my schedule yet," Carter said, seeming invigorated during an Associated Press interview. "I know it's going to come, particularly if my cancer progresses, but we don't yet know what the result will be from the treatments."

The former president cele-

brated his 91st birthday in October, and is undergoing treatment on cancer found in his liver and brain. But he was sure-footed on the construction site as he moved from one task to another.

Arriving ahead of schedule, Carter installed a hammer, measuring tape and thick pencil on his tool belt. Then he helped place pre-framed walls, hammered nails into place and sawed boards into smaller pieces, occasionally shouting questions or suggestions at the rest of the crew.

His wife, Rosalynn Carter,

88, hammered brackets to secure the walls, pulling the nails from her own leather tool belt. "Hard work," she said with a soft laugh.

Carter and the Atlanta-based charity have been practically synonymous for more than 30 years. His presidential museum even has his work boots and a hammer on display. Since leaving the White House, the Carters have personally been involved with 3,943 projects in 14 countries for the charity, which has helped five million

people with home construction and repairs.

Each year since 1984, the couple has volunteered a week of their time to "Carter work projects," drawing thousands of volunteers. The streak seemed at risk in August when he revealed his illness, casting doubt on his ability to travel to a remote region of Nepal this month.

Ultimately, doctors approved the trip, but it was cancelled due to concerns about civil unrest in the region, Carter said. He told the AP on Sunday that he had been looking forward to the Nepal build, which would have involved making walls woven of bamboo.



Carter

Asia

US, SKorea express 'grave concern' at NKorean threats

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The U.S. and South Korea expressed “grave concern” Monday over North Korea’s stated plan to conduct a missile or nuclear test, but they announced no specific new steps toward giving South Korea control of its own forces in the event of a North Korean attack.

U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter said the two countries agreed that transfer of wartime control would happen after the South develops a stronger capability to counter the North’s artillery force, among other steps. No timeline or further details were made public and other officials said specifics would be kept secret.

Carter called North Korea an “up-close, dangerous and continuing threat.”

Carter appeared at a news conference with his South Korean counterpart, Han Min-koo, who said his country would not tolerate further military provocations by the North.

In a joint written statement issued after closed-door meetings,



they condemned North Korea’s recently expressed intent to

conduct a long-range missile launch or nuclear test. Previous

missile and nuclear tests have partly explained South Korea’s

desire to prolong the period of U.S. wartime control of South Korean forces.

In the statement, Carter and Han said further nuclear or missile tests by the North give them “grave concern, and they called on Pyongyang to “cease all activities related to its nuclear programs immediately,” including operation of a nuclear reactor at Yongbyon, and to “abandon all nuclear weapons” it already has built.

China, France agree climate pact should have automatic cuts

BEIJING (AP)—The Chinese and French presidents announced Monday they have agreed that a global climate change pact should require countries to increase their emissions cuts every five years, in an important signal four weeks before world leaders meet in Paris.

France is proposing the automatic updating of countries’ emissions targets in a climate deal to be thrashed out at a U.N. conference beginning at the end of November. The support of China, the world’s biggest emitter of climate-warming greenhouse gases, is significant.

“What we have just established here in this declaration is a likelihood that the Paris conference will succeed,” Francois Hollande said at a joint news conference with Xi Jinping in the Great Hall of the People, the seat of China’s legislature.

“That doesn’t mean that the Paris conference is definitely going to be a success, but the conditions for success have been laid down in Beijing today,” Hollande said.

In the joint declaration, the two presidents also declared

“In the face of increasing threats, especially in the form of nuclear and missile threats from North Korea, we also agreed that the alliance needs to work in various ways to cooperate and to rise against and respond against these threats,” the South Korean defense minister, Han, said at the outset of the annual security consultations.

Carter said the alliance “has never been stronger,” and he called the American commitment to South Korea “iron-clad.” Afterward he flew to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, for three days of talks with Malaysian and other Southeast Asian defense officials.

Also participating in the Seoul talks were the new chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford, and the commander of U.S. Pacific Command, Adm. Harry Harris. Dunford also was planning to visit the heavily guarded buffer zone separating North and South Korea. Harris was scheduled to fly to Beijing for his first visit to China as commander of Pacific forces.

The issue of returning wartime control of South Korean forces is highly sensitive. The South Koreans want it as a matter of national pride, but some fear it will change the U.S.-South Korean military and political relationship in ways that could leave the South more vulnerable to the North.

UN group says Malaysia Anwar's jailing politically motivated

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Imprisoned Malaysian opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim was prosecuted for political reasons and should be released, a U.N. body concluded after reviewing the case widely seen as politically motivated. The government rejected the findings and called for the legal process to be respected.

Anwar began serving a five-year jail sentence in February after the country’s top court ruled that he sodomized a former male aide in 2008. His case has been seen as intended to eliminate any threats to the ruling coalition, whose popularity has eroded in the last two elections.

The U.N. Working Group on Arbitrary Detention found Anwar was denied a fair trial and

his jailing was politically motivated. It called for his immediate release, according to a letter from the group seen Monday. Its full report is not yet available.

Anwar’s daughter, Nurul Izzah Anwar, said she hopes the government will abide by the group’s conclusion.

“I am deeply grateful that the United Nations has called for Anwar’s release,” said Nurul Izzah, a lawmaker. “Its strong stance in solidarity with my father sends a clear and unequivocal message to Prime Minister Najib Razak, and ensures that the sharp decline in human rights under his administration will not go unnoticed.”

The government reiterated that Anwar’s trial was “a criminal, not a political case” as it was brought against him by a

private individual. It also said the final verdict was reached by the courts after an exhaustive and comprehensive legal process over many years.

“It had nothing to do with the government,” the prime minister’s office said in a statement. “Malaysia has an independent judiciary—with many rulings going against senior government figures—and the government does not have the power or authority to overrule the decisions of the courts.”

It urged all parties to respect “the legal process, the judgment of Malaysia’s courts and the rights of the victim to seek justice.”

The working group is appointed by the U.N. Human Rights Council and its five current members are from Australia,

Benin, Mexico, South Korea and Ukraine. The independent body is mandated to consider and render opinions about alleged cases of arbitrary detention.

In the letter, the group also expressed concerns about Anwar’s physical and psychological health amid allegations that he is being held in solitary confinement. It said the Malaysian government didn’t respond to its queries on the case.

The U.S. State Department on Monday reiterated its “deep concern” that Anwar’s detention was apparently politically motivated. Spokeswoman Elizabeth Trudeau said that Secretary of State John Kerry had raised the issue with Malaysia’s Deputy Prime Minister Zahid Hamidi when he visited Washington in October.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Maldives official: IED found near president's residence

MALE, Maldives (AP)—The military on Monday found and deactivated an explosive device near the president’s official residence, a top Maldives official said. The discovery came a month after an explosion occurred on President Yameen Abdul Gayoom’s boat, injuring his wife, an aide and a bodyguard. Authorities described the blast as an assassination attempt and arrested the vice president. But on Saturday, the FBI said its investigation found no evidence that the explosion was caused by a bomb. The FBI investigated

the explosion at the request of the Maldives authorities. Maldives Home Minister Umar Naseer said the improvised explosive device found Monday was in a parked vehicle near the president’s official residence. Gayoom does not live at the residence but uses it frequently for meetings.

India says 2 soldiers killed by Pakistani firing in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—The Indian army says two of its soldiers were killed by Pakistani firing along the heavily militarized de facto border dividing Kashmir between the two countries. An army offi-

cer said Pakistani troops fired machine guns and grenades at Indian positions in the Gurez sector on Monday in violation of a 2003 cease-fire agreement between the two countries. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media. There was no immediate comment from Pakistan.

HSBC may defer decision on moving headquarters from London

LONDON (AP)—HSBC, Europe’s largest bank by market value, may defer into next year a decision on whether to move its headquarters out

of London, with management conceding Monday they might need more time to assess whether relocating to Asia would make sense in the long term. The bank has been steadily shifting its center of gravity toward the fast-growing Asian economies—on Monday it announced a new joint venture in China’s booming Pearl River Delta region. But Chairman Douglas Flint stressed no decision has been made on whether to return HSBC’s domicile to the region where it began 150 years ago. “We’re part way through and if we need to take longer we will,” Flint told reporters on a conference call.

their intention to release their own national strategies to develop low-carbon economies by 2050 as soon as possible within the next five years.

Environmental campaign group Greenpeace called the statement “an incremental step forward” and said work still needs to be done to raise ambition before and during the Paris conference.

“After waving goodbye to President Hollande tomorrow, Chinese leaders need to think hard about what more to bring to the table when they see him again in Paris at the end of this month,” Greenpeace China climate policy adviser Li Shuo said in a statement.

China has promised it will try to cap its rising emissions before 2030 as part of its national pledge ahead of the Paris conference. It has also seen a decline in coal consumption and has become a leader in renewable energy.

Hollande said Xi confirmed that he would attend the opening of the climate conference, which runs from Nov. 30 through Dec. 11.

World

Mystery, confusion surround Russian plane crash in Egypt

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP)—Mystery and confusion surrounded the final moments of a Russian jetliner that plummeted suddenly from high altitude to the Egyptian desert, killing all 224 people aboard. The airline Monday ruled out pilot error or a technical fault, but Russian aviation officials dismissed those comments as premature.

Some aviation experts raised the possibility that a bomb on board the Metrojet Airbus A321-200 brought it down, while others cited an incident in 2001 when the aircraft grazed the runway with its tail while landing.

James Clapper, the U.S. director of national intelligence, said that while there is no direct evidence of any terrorist involvement yet, it couldn't be excluded that the plane was brought down by Islamic State extremists in the Sinai Peninsula.

"It's unlikely, but I wouldn't rule it out," he told reporters in Washington.

Asked if a terrorist attack could be ruled out, President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, said: "No versions could be excluded."

The Metrojet was flying at 31,000 feet over the Sinai

when it crashed Saturday only 23 minutes after taking off from the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh for St. Petersburg with mostly Russian passengers.

Metrojet firmly denied that the crash could have been caused by either equipment failure or crew error.

"The only possible explanation could be an external impact on the airplane," Metrojet's deputy director Alexander Smirnov told a news conference in Moscow. When pressed for more details, Smirnov said he was not at liberty to discuss them because the investigation was ongoing.

Asked if the plane could have been brought down by a terrorist attack, he said only that "anything was possible."

But Russia's top aviation official, Alexander Nerdako, dismissed the company's statement as premature and unfounded.

In televised comments from Egypt, Nerdako said it would be possible to draw conclusions about the crash only after experts examined the plane's flight data and cockpit voice recorders and studied the wreckage.

He said the large area where debris were scattered indicated the jet had broken up at high altitude, but he refrained from citing a reason for the crash pending the investigation.



AP
A picture of plane crash victims and a soft toy lie in memory to victims of a Metrojet plane crashed in Egypt at Dvortsovaya (Palace) Square in St. Petersburg, Russia, on Monday, Nov. 2, 2015.

ing the investigation.

Viktor Yung, another deputy director general of Metrojet, said the crew did not send a distress call and did not contact traffic controllers before the crash.

Egyptian officials have offered conflicting accounts on whether or not the plane issued any distress calls.

Experts say planes break up in flight usually due to one of three factors: a catastrophic

weather event, a midair collision or an external threat, such as a bomb or a missile.

A local affiliate of the extremist Islamic State group has claimed it brought down the aircraft, which crashed in the

northern Sinai where the Egyptian military and security forces have battled militants for years. Both Egyptian and Russian officials have dismissed that claim as not credible.

Still, the U.S., Germany and Britain all had overflight warnings in place for the Sinai. They advised airlines to avoid flying over the peninsula below 26,000 feet and to avoid the Sharm el-Sheik airport due to extremist violence and, notably, the use of anti-aircraft weapons.

British military analyst Paul Beaver said he thought the crash was most likely caused by a bomb on board, because the IS hasn't been known to possess surface-to-air missile systems capable of striking passenger planes at cruising altitude.

Vatican arrests 2 people in latest probe of leaked documents

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The Vatican said Monday it had arrested a high-ranking priest and another member of a papal reform commission in an investigation into leaked confidential documents—a stunning move that comes just days before the publication of two books promising damaging revelations about the obstacles Pope Francis faces in cleaning up the Holy See's murky finances.

The developments threatened to become a new "Vatileaks"—the 2012 scandal that began with the publication of a blockbuster book by Italian journalist Gianluigi Nuzzi detailing corruption and mismanagement in the Holy See. The scandal ended with the conviction of Pope Benedict XVI's butler—and Benedict's resignation a year

later.

The latest arrests of two advisers hand-picked by Francis to help in his effort to overhaul Vatican finances threatened to further expose infighting and rifts surrounding the pope's efforts at reform and a church that uses its money to help the poor.

Monsignor Lucio Angel Vallejo Balda, a Spaniard, and Francesca Chaouqui, an Italian public relations executive, had served on a now-defunct financial reform commission set up by Francis in 2013 as part of his drive to clean house at the Vatican, especially in its scandal-tainted economic affairs.

A Vatican statement said the arrests followed a monthslong investigation and that the two had been interrogated over the weekend. It said Vallejo Balda

was being held in a jail cell in Vatican City, while Chaouqui was released Monday because she was cooperating with the investigation.

The Vatican's statement stopped short of linking the latest leaks probe to the two potentially bombshell books that go on sale Thursday.

But a clearly irritated Vatican noted that leaking confidential documents was now a crime in the Vatican and contended publication of such expose works risk hurting Pope Francis' clean-up drive.

The Vatican described the books as "fruit of a grave betrayal of the trust given by the pope, and, as far as the authors go, of an operation to take advantage of a gravely illicit act of handing over confidential docu-

mentation."

"Publications of this nature do not help in any way to establish clarity and truth, but rather generate confusion and partial and tendentious conclusions," the Vatican said.

Nuzzi's 2012 best-seller, "His Holiness," based on leaked papal correspondence detailing corruption, infighting and intrigue in the Vatican has been cited by some as inspiring Benedict XVI's stunning resignation from the papacy in 2013.

According to the publishers, Nuzzi's new book, "Merchants in the Temple: Inside Pope Francis's Secret Battle Against Corruption in the Vatican," promises to reveal "heretofore untold, unbelievable stories of scandal and corruption at the highest levels."

Romania nightclubs: We were reckless, risked patrons' lives

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP)—Three Romanian nightclubs on Monday acknowledged they had been reckless and failed to respect safety standards, apologizing to clients and promising to either close or upgrade safety at their venues, following a fire in a Bucharest nightclub that killed at least 31 people.

The owner of Expirat, Andrei Sosa, announced the permanent closure of his Bucharest club, which has only one exit door. "I apologize and I take responsibility. From 2003 I have put the lives of thousands in danger. Weekend after weekend and sometimes during the week," he said.

In Iasi, a city in northeastern Romania, La Baza club apolo-

gized for not meeting minimum safety requirements. "We consider we have been ignorant and irresponsible. We were lucky. We don't want to put anyone's life in danger," it said on its Facebook page.

Rockstadt, a big music venue in the central city of Brasov, said in a statement on its Facebook page that it would close for 10 days to replace foam similar to that which caught alight in the Colectiv club, install sprinklers and bring the club up to European standards.

Fire engulfed Colectiv, a basement club, during a rock concert Friday night. Witnesses say a spark on stage from a heavy-metal pyrotechnics show ignited foam decor, sending panicked people rushing for the

single exit. Some 180 people were injured, and 90 remain hospitalized in serious condition with authorities predicting the death toll could rise "significantly." The latest death was announced Monday evening.

Shooting candles and indoor fireworks are common in bars, nightclubs and restaurants in Romania and fire regulations can be lax. The deaths have shocked Romanians and many clubs did not open over the weekend in respect of the victims.

Prime Minister Victor Ponta has called for authorities to check nightclubs and bars around the country to determine whether they meet safety standards. "It's awful that you let your children go in the eve-

ning to the club, and you go to look for them at the morgue," he said Saturday.

On Monday, Romanians arrived in their hundreds at the club, laying flowers and lighting candles for the victims, many of them young. As the nation went into its third day of mourning, schools in Bucharest instructed students to dress in black, and some teachers suspended classes and let pupils pay their respects at the club, which has become a shrine to the dead and the focus of the nation's grief.

In the evening, Polish President Andrzej Duda left a wreath and lit a candle to honor the victims who died, a day ahead of an official visit to Romania where he will meet top Romanian officials.

WORLD BRIEFS

Congo clears the way for 72 adoptions after 2-year wait

KINSHASA, Congo (AP)—Congo's government cleared the way Monday for dozens of children to join their adoptive families abroad after more than two years of waiting, though a further 1,000 others will have to remain in orphanages for now. Fourteen of the children are now headed to the United States, while other boys and girls are going to start new lives in Italy, Belgium, Canada, Germany, France, the Netherlands and Switzerland. Authorities in Congo put a halt to international adoptions in 2013, saying their adoption system was beset by corruption and falsified documents. The children's adoptions had been legally approved by the Congolese courts before the government suspended the issuing of exit permits, causing heartache and frustration for families around the world.

TransCanada asks US to suspend pipeline application review

TORONTO (AP)—TransCanada, the company behind the controversial Keystone XL pipeline from Canada to the U.S. Gulf Coast, has asked the U.S. State Department to pause its review of the project. TransCanada said Monday it had sent a

letter to Secretary of State John Kerry requesting that the State Department suspend its review of the pipeline application. The pipeline company said such a suspension would be appropriate while it works with Nebraska authorities for approval of its preferred route through the state that is facing legal challenges in state courts. The move comes as the Obama administration was widely expected to reject the pipeline permit application.

Turkey president urges respect for his party's election win

ISTANBUL (AP)—Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Monday hailed a big victory for his ruling party in the country's parliamentary election and demanded the world respect the result. The ruling Justice and Development Party, or AKP, secured a stunning victory in Sunday's snap parliamentary election, sweeping back into single-party rule only five months after losing it. With all of the ballots counted early on Monday, the preliminary results showed that the party won more than 49 percent of the votes. It was projected to get 317 seats in the 550-member parliament, restoring the party's single-party majority that it had lost in a June election.

Focus



AP
Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, left, offers his hand to shake hands with South Korean President Park Geun-hye before their meeting at the presidential Blue House in Seoul, South Korea, Monday, Nov. 2, 2015.

Long, complicated history behind S. Korea-Japan relations

By FOSTER KLUG
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SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Thousands of years of deeply complicated history bubbled beneath the surface images of handshakes and flashing cameras Monday at the first formal meeting of Japanese and South Korean leaders in 3 1/2 years.

The two Asian heavyweights' relationship is so unique, so vexing, that the major accomplishment of the summit, which included a three-way meeting Sunday with China's premier, was simply Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and South Korean President Park Geun-hye rising, for now, above past disputes and agreeing to meet again.

More talk, in a cordial, formal setting, is no small result for these two often bickering neighbors.

Here then is a look at five things that unite and divide Japan and South Korea:

A LONG, OFTEN UNEASY HISTORY

Both Japan and the Korean Peninsula have benefited from centuries of exchanges of people and ideas.

Much of the contact, however, has been bloody. Many Koreans are knowledgeable about aspects of Japanese invasions of the peninsula in the late 16th century that were repulsed only after massive slaughter and devastation.

Bitterness also lingers over what is seen as Japan's white-washing of its colonization of Korea in the early 20th century, when Japan enslaved many Koreans in military brothels—a dwindling number of whom gather for weekly protests in front of the Japanese Embassy in Seoul—and Japanese mines and factories.

In Japan, the history dispute has sparked occasional fringe protests against Japan's 500,000-strong ethnic Korean population—some third- or fourth-generation descendants of those who came or were brought to Japan as laborers

during the colonial era.

Tokyo says all wartime compensation issues have been settled under a 1965 normalization treaty.

RELATED, BUT VERY DIFFERENT, CULTURES

Japan has borrowed much from China and Korea over the centuries: language and religious and cultural aspects, for example. Envoys from the countries regularly traveled back and forth, stoking interest and curiosity, and even now a mutual fascination lingers.

About 2.5 million South Koreans travelled to Japan last year, while 2.3 million Japanese visited South Korea, according to South Korea's Korea Tourism Organization.

Japanese enthusiasts travel to Seoul for K-Pop concerts and to take tours of the neighborhoods of their favorite South Korean TV stars.

After South Korea began lifting its ban on Japanese pop culture in the late 1990s, Japanese movies, cartoons and other pop culture flooded in. The countries also co-hosted the soccer

World Cup in 2002.

The history spat, however, has cast a shadow at times. South Korean stars who were once common on Japanese commercials have largely disappeared from them, and Japanese TV stations have cut back on Korean programming, partly over protests when the shows were broadcast.

ARGUMENTS OVER LAND AND SEA

The countries contest barren volcanic outcroppings located in fishing rich waters roughly halfway between South Korea and Japan. They are occupied by Seoul but claimed by Tokyo.

Japan, which calls the rocks Takeshima, says it has historical evidence backing its sovereignty since at least the 17th century. South Korea has countered that it has far older historical evidence that the islets it calls Dokdo are theirs.

The countries also bicker over what to call the body of water between them. Japan, and much of the world, refers to it as the Sea of Japan. South Korea

insists on its name for the water: the East Sea.

STAYING SAFE IN A TOUGH NEIGHBORHOOD

Both countries are strong U.S. allies and the bulwark of U.S. defense efforts in the region. Some 80,000 U.S. troops are stationed in the countries, both to combat possible North Korean provocations and to send a signal to a rising China as it tests its territorial claims and U.S. military power in Asia.

Tokyo and Seoul are also worried about North Korea's nuclear bomb and missile ambitions and are part of now-stalled six-nation North Korean nuclear disarmament talks.

After a South Korea-Japan intelligence-sharing pact on North Korea collapsed at the last minute following a backlash in South Korea in 2012, the countries signed a three-way pact with Washington to share Pyongyang-related intelligence.

ECONOMIC TIES—AND COMPETITION

Japan and South Korea are ma-

jor commercial partners, even as they jockey for markets. South Korea was Japan's No. 3 trading partner last year and vice versa.

Japan was passed by China for the world's second-largest economy several years ago, but its people are far more affluent on average, and it's a manufacturing and technology powerhouse with globally recognized brands.

Despite a decline in population and two decades of domestic economic malaise, Japan's prowess in fields from robotics to architecture and pop culture means it is a role model for many South Koreans.

The mobile and Internet startup scene in South Korea, one of the world's most wired places, meanwhile, has attracted Japanese venture capitalists.

There is also interest in Seoul in a major trade initiative that includes Japan and the United States: the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a yet-to-be ratified free trade arrangement among a dozen nations.

Good Housekeeping

Some ways to feel at home with feng shui decorating

By **EMMIE SAHLAN**
ANGIE'S LIST

Feng shui, meaning “wind and water,” is based on traditional Chinese philosophy that links man’s destiny to his immediate environment. You can decorate your home with feng shui by tapping positive “chi” energy from wind and water and creating balance through the art of placement. This involves arranging your living space in such a way that evokes feelings of comfort and safety, thereby enhancing happiness, health and prosperity.

Whatever your own philosophy, here are some ideas for feng shui decorating:

Main entrance. The main entrance is the part of the house that you immediately enter into as you open the main door. Based on feng shui beliefs, the main door should not be aligned with the back door of the house. If this is so, it is best to put a partition or curtain to block the alignment to prevent positive energy from leaving through the back door. The space at the main door should be free and clear of clutter to allow positive energy to fill the space.

Living Room. The living room is where much decoration

using feng shui beliefs can be put to good use. The living room should be bright and decorated with vibrant pictures that evoke positive feelings, such as nature, food and abstract art. Allow as much light as possible. Combining round and square geometrical shapes in your decoration such as placing a round mirror on a square wall or positioning a round coffee table on a square carpet will create balance and harmony in the environment. The best position for a mirror using feng shui philosophy is to ensure that it reflects a beautiful view from the window.

Bedroom. Although the bedroom needs to be airy and bright, it is not advisable to have more than three windows. If the bedroom has too many windows, the energy drawn will not accumulate well, affecting the family’s well being. Avoid placing big mirrors in the bedroom as this will affect the energy present, causing sleep disturbances and relationship issues. Should you need to place a mirror in the bedroom, avoid positioning it opposite the bed as it will reflect energy back at you when you are sleeping, causing sleep disruptions.

Kitchen. The kitchen should

be clear of clutter and free from bad smells to prevent negative energy from accumulating. Just as in other rooms, the kitchen has to be bright and well ventilated to attract good energy for wellness. Any furniture placed in the middle of the kitchen will disrupt the energy flow. Be mindful that sharp corners may cause bad energy to flow towards the direction they point at. Hence, it is advisable to have a round kitchen table instead of a rectangular or square one. Your stove is an energy source as it is connected to the passion within you.

A well-functioning stove enhances good energy, includ-

ing one that encourages good health. The stove should face the doorway, otherwise negative energy resulting in stress, anxiety and financial challenges will be drawn towards the area. If the stove is positioned away from the doorway, a mirror should be placed near the stove to reflect the burners and the doorway. The double burner illusion reflected from the mirror will attract positive energy to enter the kitchen, resulting in improved financial status.

How to hire a feng shui consultant

When hiring an interior de-

signer, look for one who is also trained in feng shui. Nowadays, more and more interior designers incorporate feng shui in their practice to cater to a sizable number of people who believe in feng shui philosophy. Interior designers have a huge network of people in their industry, and it shouldn’t take you long before you get recommended to one who is also a feng shui expert. In this respect, ensure that your interior designer possess a Feng Shui Society Accredited Consultants logo, giving you the assurance of professional feng shui service and high standards.

Fees include a fixed flat rate or hourly based on the number of rooms in the property, materi-

als used, travel cost and a report. Work is done either on-site or off-site.

Decorating your home with feng shui is one method you can tap into using ancient Chinese beliefs to promote overall wellness, harmonious relationships and good financial health. Remember to ask questions relating to feng shui style and recommendations to overcome any concerns based on existing room layout before you decide to engage the services of a professional consultant.

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YOUR PLACE

How low should a refrigerator go?

By **ALAN J. HEAVENS**
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Q: I have a problem with refrigerators. This is the second refrigerator in a month that the store has delivered. Now I am waiting for a new control, and I guess they will install it next Wednesday.

Problem: It won't cool below 38 degrees, and the freezer doesn't get down to 0. Is this now the standard? If so, a lot of people are going to be eating a lot of spoiled food.

I expect a refrigerator to get down below 33 degrees if so desired and the freezer to get to negative-5 degrees, if desired. Not that it would always be set for that, but the range should be there.

A: Standards are typically set by the government, hence the Department of Energy and the dishwasher rules I wrote about a few weeks back.

The Food and Drug Administration’s website, however, has this about temperature:

“Keep your appliances at the proper temperatures. Keep the refrigerator temperature at or below 40 degrees F (4 degrees C). The freezer temperature should be 0 degree F (minus 18 degrees C). Check temperatures periodically. Appliance thermometers are the best way of knowing these temperatures

and are generally inexpensive.”

If the standard had been changed, the FDA’s caveats would be pointless.

I looked at the Sub-Zero/Wolf website, because I consider that brand to be the gold standard of refrigeration—which means I can’t afford one. It says the temperature range in a Sub-Zero with an electronic control panel is 34 degrees to 45 degrees Fahrenheit (1 to 7 degrees Celsius) in the refrigerator and minus-5 to 5 degrees F (minus-20 to minus-15 Celcius) in the freezer.

It also suggests that anything below 0 degrees in a freezer would be overkill, but if you prefer lower—well, that’s your call.

Lemons do exist outside the produce section of the supermarket. Anything that is produced by human beings is subject to error, and that goes especially for major appliances.

Perhaps you should look for something other than the brand you seem to be struggling with.

Name no longer means quality, and price doesn’t guarantee that you will get the best, even if you are spending top dollar.

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I AM SAFELY HOME



“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”
[John 3:16]

Felix Gregorio Aldan Ayuyu

Lovingly known as “PHIL” or “LELY”

was born on March 12, 1949 to his proud parents †*Jose Dela Cruz Ayuyu* and †*Margarita Aguon Aldan*, answered our Lord’s call to begin his new life in Paradise on October 28, 2015. In Paradise he now joined his mother-in-law Remedio San Nicolas Jones, together with his brothers, sisters, and in-laws: Antonia A. Ayuyu, Ramon A. Ayuyu, Jose A. Ayuyu, Willy A. Ayuyu, Willy A. Ayuyu, Edward A. Ayuyu, Alexandro A. Ayuyu, Lorenzo A. Ayuyu, Victorina Diaz Jones, Barbara Moon-ja (Sandy) Park Jones, Kaoru Amari Jones, Irineo San Nicolas Jones, Benjamin San Nicolas Jones, and Cynthia Kim Jones

An energetic man with much commitment to provide and care for his family, most especially with unconditional love, *Felix* was blessed and enjoyed life with his wife *Rosalinda Jones Ayuyu* together with their children, *Shirley Cepeda* (*Charmaine Rose [Aiyah Elise]*, *Geanetta Geen*, *Brandon Josh* and *Ervin Jon*); *Felix Aldan Ayuyu, Jr.* and *Davina De’Ette Manibusan* (*Christian Lee*); *Angeline Marie Jones Ayuyu* and *Angelo A. Tudela* (*Jasseline Marie A. Seman [Arthur Jheben]*; *Jessie Mae A. Seman [Anthony Muna]*; *Jeszerre Mianda A. Seman*; *Toremy De’Ette A. Diaz*); *Anita Mae A. and Alvin Mathew Sablan* (*Mathew Adrian*); *Adeline Michelle A. and Victorino N. Borja* (*Mitchell James and Chelvie Roselly*); and *Florence Ann A. and Ronnie L. Pangelinan* (*Ky’nani Lynn*).

Phil’s strong family bonds, his inspiration, and laughter, will forever be in the hearts of his siblings and their families: *Virginia A. and Wilfredo Imperial*; *Emilio A. Ayuyu*; *Maria A. and Jianmin Han*; *Sophia A. Ayuyu*; *Janalyn D. Ayuyu*; and *Leonora A. Blas*; sister and brother of the heart *Elphidia* (*Peding*) A. Tudela and *Charlie M. Calvo*; brothers and sisters-in-law: *Janalyn D. Ayuyu*; *William H. and Imelda M. Jones*; *Bonifacio (Bino) Jones* and *Julie Quinata*; *Nieves F. Babauta*; *Cherry Davao Jones*; *Hisako Hayakawa Jones*; and *Maria (Kerie Matagolai) Jones*. He will also be greatly missed by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces.

His interest, most especially with his fishing, farming and hunting with families and friends, his quietness, sense of humor and faithfulness gained him the friendship of those whom he crossed path with. He always showed generosity towards those he loved and others needing his help.

Memorial mass for Felix is offered daily at 6:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Church. Nightly rosary is prayed at 7:00 p.m. at their residence in Garapan (Adetfa Lane). Felix will be with us for the last time on Thursday, November 05, 2015 where he will be escorted from Commonwealth Health Center Corporation (CHCC) at 7:30 a.m. to Kristo Rai Church for responso service, rosary and public visitation. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed with interment services at Mount Carmel Cemetery where he be laid to peaceful rest.

Your thoughts and prayers for our Dearly Beloved are sincerely appreciated.

Rosalinda [Linda] Jones Ayuyu, children, and families

Life & Style

NEW YORK (AP)—A group of Boston Globe reporters and editors recently gathered in New York to celebrate the premiere of Tom McCarthy's drama about their Pulitzer Prize-winning reporting of the Catholic priest sex abuse scandal. When asked why "Spotlight"—the film named after their investigative team—has earned their respect, they respond in an eager chorus.

"They got it right," echoes around the table of Walter Robinson, who headed Spotlight, former deputy managing editor Ben Bradlee Jr., and two reporters from the team: Sacha Pfeiffer (now a columnist) and Mike Renzendes, who remains a part of Spotlight.

In the film, they're played, respectively, by Michael Keaton, John Slattery, Rachel McAdams and Mark Ruffalo. Usually, the gulf between fiction and reality, Hollywood and the newsroom (or anywhere else), is too wide to engender the kind of enthusiasm shared among the veteran journalists.

"We all feel like we've been struck by lightning and it actually feels very good," says Robinson.

The power of "Spotlight," in limited release Friday, isn't just felt by its real-life reporters; it's a big-screen bolt of inspiration for a beleaguered profession. While the film's attributes are numerous (its large ensemble also includes Liev Schreiber as former Globe editor Marty Baron and Brian d'Arcy James as Spotlight reporter Matt Carroll), its greatest strength is its rigorous depiction of investigative journalism and its celebration of an increasingly endangered species of news gathering.



In this April 7, 2003 file photo, Boston Globe editor Martin Baron, center, congratulates reporter Stephen Kurkjian, second from left, after the newspaper was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in Boston. AP

On trail of reporters, film puts 'Spotlight' on journalism

"We were driven by: Let's be as accurate and authentic as we can. Let's put our faith in that," says McCarthy, the writer-director of "Win Win" and "The Station Agent." "We kept saying: We're not going to be slick with this movie. We're not going to play games. We're going to present it."

"Spotlight" is a journalistic procedural that gathers its drama by closely following the footsteps of the scruffy, dogged Globe reporters. Their reporting uncovered the widespread cover-up that led to Cardinal Bernard F. Law's resignation, shook the church to the Vatican and offered a modicum of justice for thousands of victims.

To make it, McCarthy and co-

screenwriter Josh Singer spent more than two years researching each step of the investigation by the reporters, who, though initially skeptical, were won over by the filmmakers' diligence. In addition to meeting with victims and journalists, McCarthy and Singer combed through documents and emails from the years of work that culminated in coverage published in 2002.

"It became apparent pretty quickly that they were intent on doing as much research about us that we did about the church initially," says Robinson. "It made us trust them more," says Renzendes.

The reporters remained involved throughout the scripting, and later met with the actors and

visited the set in Toronto, which doubled for Boston.

"To the one, Josh and I really had a strong connection with them and just thought they were really interesting and dynamic people," says McCarthy. "We had a great admiration for the work they had done. As we brought actors on, and they got a chance to spend time with them, they felt the same way."

Ruffalo came away with a deep appreciation for Renzendes after shadowing him. "Rarely do you get to sit next to a master and get to understand how they work," says Ruffalo.

James felt similarly: "People call acting a vocation. I tend to think of journalism as the same, as something that you feel is a

higher calling that you bound to do just by what's inside of you."

That connection has helped inspire a long tradition of films about journalism, from "His Girl Friday" to "Ace in the Hole" to "All the President's Men." The latter, especially, looms large over the genre. The Watergate drama famously fictionalized Bradlee's father, Washington Post editor Ben Bradlee.

"It was similar in the seriousness that both movies undertook the task to get it right. They recreated the Post newsroom to a T, just the way these guys recre-

ated the Globe newsroom," says Bradlee Jr. "My father always talked about, for better or worse, people remember him as Jason Robards. He lucked out."

"Spotlight," though, isn't altogether laudatory. It shows missteps, delays and self-destructive oversights in the path to the story. Throughout the movie runs a conversation in subtext, strongly relevant to today's digitized news world, about how investigative reporting takes time and money and persistence.

"For me, in large part, this movie is very much about faith," says McCarthy. "And not religious or spiritual faith but institutional faith. Faith in your fellow citizens, faith in a newspaper."

McCarthy, raised Irish Catholic, doesn't come from a journalistic background, but he says his experience playing a fabricating reporter on David Simon's "The Wire" was foundational. McCarthy calls the Baltimore Sun reporter turned TV writer-producer "the devil on my shoulder on this film." (Simon has heartily endorsed the movie, likening it to journalism pornography.)

The official Vatican radio has also called the film "honest" and praised the reporters as "paladins of the need for justice" in their community and city.

"Inevitably, I think the film will make young people want to be reporters," says Pfeiffer. "But what I think is more important is reminding everyone you have to support journalism and newspapers. Buy a digital subscription, get home delivery. You supporting us is how we do this work."

Autism study 'Neurotribes' wins Samuel Johnson book prize

LONDON (AP)—A book that challenges readers to think differently about autism has won Britain's leading literary award for nonfiction.

U.S. writer Steve Silberman's "Neurotribes" was awarded the 20,000 pound (\$31,000) Samuel Johnson Prize at a ceremony in London Monday.

It is the first science book to take the prize, founded in 1999 and usually dominated by history and biography.

Silberman, a reporter for Wired magazine, explores the history of autism as a recognized condition, and the many mysteries that still surround it—including why its occurrence appears to have skyrocketed. He also looks at the modern "neurodiversity" movement that seeks to recognize, accept and celebrate people with cognitive differences.

Historian Anne Applebaum, who chaired the judging panel, said Silberman blended popular science, history and journalism in a book that ranges from the science of the brain to "the impact of the movie 'Rain Man' on

popular culture."

"It an unusual, genre-breaking kind of book, and also a book that's very deeply motivated by a set of ideals," Applebaum said. "It's an argument about autism and how we should see it as a different way of thinking."

Silberman beat five other finalists, including Laurence Scott's look at humanity in the cyber-era, "The Four-Dimensional Human," and Samantha Subramanian's account of Sri Lanka's civil war, "This Divided Island."

Also shortlisted were Jonathan Bate's poet biography "Ted Hughes: The Unauthorized Life"; Robert Macfarlane's literary nature tour "Landmarks"; and Emma Sky's war memoir "The Unravelling: High Hopes and Missed Opportunities in Iraq."

Named for the 18th-century essayist and lexicographer, the Samuel Johnson Prize recognizes English-language books from any country in the areas of current affairs, history, politics, science, sport, travel, biography, autobiography and the arts.

Judge orders Cosby deposition in Janice Dickinson lawsuit

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Bill Cosby and his former attorney can be deposed by lawyers for Janice Dickinson in the model's defamation lawsuit against the embattled comedian, a judge ruled Monday.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Debra Katz Weintraub ruled Cosby and his former lawyer Martin Singer must give their sworn testimony before Nov. 25.

Dickinson, who is among dozens of women alleging that Cosby molested them, is suing Cosby for defamation over statements last year denying the comedian drugged and raped Dickinson in 1982.

The ruling states Dickinson's lawyers can only seek answers as to whether the denials were made maliciously, and Cosby and Singer can assert attorney-client privilege and refuse to answer some questions.

Dickinson never reported the rape to authorities and has said

she was afraid if she did that her career would be damaged and Cosby would retaliate.

She sued Cosby in May, claiming she has been re-victimized and her reputation has suffered because of pointed denials by Cosby's attorney that the comedian drugged and raped her in a Lake Tahoe, California, hotel room more than 30 years ago.

The suit detailed Dickinson's allegations that Cosby raped her after giving her wine and a pill in the hotel room, and how she wanted to go public with her story in a 2002 autobiography but was prevented from doing so by the book's publisher.

Dickinson's ghostwriter, Pablo Fenjves, supported her account and said he and the book's editor talked Dickinson out of including the rape allegations.

"She was visibly shaken by the memory, full of anger," Fenjves said. "I basically said, 'Listen, we can't include that

in the book. It's a he-said, she-said situation and he's a very powerful man.'"

Fenjves said he has already given a sworn statement in the case.

Cosby's lawyers are attempting to throw out the case and Dickinson's lawyers argued they needed sworn testimony from the comedian and Singer to properly oppose their efforts.

Cosby's lawyer Christopher Tayback declined comment after the hearing. Cosby fired Singer, his long-time attorney, last month. Dickinson's attorney Lisa Bloom said she was pleased by the ruling.

Neither Cosby, 78, nor Dickinson, 60, attended Monday's hearing.

The lawsuit is one of several filed against Cosby. Singer has denied Cosby raped Dickinson. Cosby has never been charged in connection with any of the allegations.

Singer represented Cosby for

Adele's 'Hello' is 1st song to sell 1 million in a week

NEW YORK (AP)—Adele's "Hello" has become the first song to sell one million tracks in a week.

Nielsen Music said Monday

that Adele's comeback track sold 1.11 million digital songs, setting a new record. Flo Rida's "Right Round" previously had the record for most downloads

in a week with 636,000.

"Hello" also debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Hot 100 chart this week. It is Adele's fourth No. 1

on the chart following "Rolling In the Deep," "Someone Like

You" and "Set Fire to the Rain." "Hello" is the first single from

Adele's third album, "25," to be released Nov. 20.

President Carter, Justin Timberlake honor Trisha Yearwood

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)—One of country music's leading ladies, Trisha Yearwood, was honored as the voice of a generation of music fans Monday night by former President Jimmy Carter and pop star and actor Justin Timberlake.

Her fellow country stars, including Lady Antebellum and Reba McEntire, surprised the Georgia-born singer with performances of her songs, including "Walkaway Joe," and "She's In Love With the Boy," during the 53rd annual ASCAP Country Music Awards on Monday in Nashville, Tennessee.

"Since her debut in the early '90s, Trisha Yearwood has given young women a voice through song, with powerful lyrics about love, loss and staying true to your own self," Timberlake said.

Yearwood was given the Voice of Music Award, while Ashley Gorley was named the songwriter of the year and Sam Hunt was named songwriter-artist of the year by the music licensing agency. Hunt also received the award for song of the year for "Leave the Night On," written by Hunt and Josh Osborne.

The Grammy-winning artist has sold more than 12 million albums and is also a successful cooking show host and cook book author, Timberlake noted, adding, "Girlfriend is busy."

Yearwood and her husband,

Garth Brooks, joined Carter earlier in the week in Memphis, Tennessee, to help build a home as a part of the charity Habitat for Humanity.

Carter, who is undergoing treatment for cancer, received a standing ovation from the crowd of songwriters, singers and music industry executives.

He said he was an admirer of Yearwood's work for a long time, but in the past decade has been working with her and Brooks to support the charity, which has helped 5 million people with home construction and repairs.

"Trisha is a very good worker," Carter told the crowd. "She's actually one of the best Habitat for Humanity volunteers that I have ever seen. She's always on top of scaffolding and the roof trusses almost like an acrobat."

Yearwood proudly showed off an example of her hard work while on the red carpet prior to the show.

"I have a blister," Yearwood said. "I don't want anybody to go, 'She's a singer, she's not going to work.' I think I work harder than I should because I don't want anybody to think I am slacking."

Yearwood said that she's not known as a songwriter, so she was especially proud to get recognized by songwriters in Music City.

"The highest compliment I can receive is when I can record a song and the writer is happy with my rendition," Yearwood said.

Justin Bieber completes sentence in egg vandalism case

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Justin Bieber's cleanup work at a homeless shelter has paid off, with a judge agreeing Monday to take him off formal probation in a vandalism case filed after he damaged a neighbor's home with eggs.

Bieber's attorney presented proof Monday that the pop singer had completed 40 hours of community labor, the final term of his sentence in misdemeanor case.

A program manager at a homeless shelter where Bieber completed many of the hours praised Bieber for being willing to get "his hands dirty" by performing maintenance and janitorial work, according to a probation report filed Monday.

Bieber was required to perform community labor, repay around \$80,000 in damage to his neighbor's house and undergo anger management counseling as part of his sentence. His progress completing work at the homeless shelter was slowed by an ankle injury, but Bieber has received favorable reports from probation officials throughout the case.

Bieber was sued earlier this year by Jeff and Suzanne Schwartz, his former neighbors whose home he damaged in January 2014.

Jeff Schwartz's suit also accuses Bieber of terrorizing his family with loud driving, unsafe driving and claims the singer spit in his face during one incident.

Bieber, 21, has since moved out of the gated community. He did not attend Monday's hearing.



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In this Feb. 24, 2013 file photo, Adele performs during the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

Daniel Craig in Mexico for Day of Dead premiere of 'Spectre'

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Leading actor Daniel Craig waxed poetic about the apocalyptic opening scenes in the James Bond flick "Spectre," as the film prepared its regional premiere in Mexico City where some of those parts were shot.

Fittingly, Craig showed up in Mexico on the Nov. 1-2 Day of the Dead holiday for Monday's premiere. The opening sequence features a sort of Day of the Dead celebration, with skeleton and skull costumes and floats.

Then, in classic Bond style, the real fireworks start.

Michael Moore protests 'R' rating for his new documentary

NEW YORK (AP)—Michael Moore is protesting the "R" rating given to his upcoming documentary "Where to Invade Next" by the Motion Picture Association of America.

Moore said in a statement Monday that the MPAA gave his film an "R" rating for "language, some violent images, drug use and brief graphic nu-

The British actor told The Associated Press in an interview Sunday that "we have buildings collapsing, we have helicopters, and I'm walking on the top of buildings and running to the streets" in the opening sequence.

Craig says "there are so many things that have to come together to work and it's a testament to the people who work on this film that they did so beautifully."

The film is directed by Sam



Craig

Mendes and was filmed in March in Mexico City, one of several locations. The film opened in Great Britain on Oct. 26, and is set to open in the United States, Canada and the rest of Latin America on

Friday.

Spectre also features Mexican actress Stephanie Sigman, who Craig called a "beautiful actress, really good actress."

He added, "I think she plays a very memorable part in a very memorable scene."

be the most agitated when they learn they will soon be \$80,000 in debt just by going to school."

Moore is appealing the decision. Representatives for the MPAA didn't immediately return messages Monday.

Moore has a history of disputes with the ratings board, going all the way back to his first film, the 1989 R-rated "Roger & Me."

Thank-you for a gift is too often left unsaid

DEAR ABBY: In my opinion, too many young people today are shortchanged when it comes to manners and etiquette. The knowledge of how wonderful it is to receive written acknowledgment of gifting is rapidly fading.

A quick note of appreciation for any kind of thoughtful gesture lifts the giver's spirit. Receiving recognition for a tangible gift, time spent lending a hand or a shared meal puts a smile on his or her face. These things are not entitlements; they are gifts from the heart.

I urge young parents to teach this courteous gesture to their children. Abby, I know your letters booklet has a section on thank-yous. Maybe it's time you mention it again.

SHERRIE IN CHEHALIS, WASH.

DEAR SHERRIE: If there is one topic that shows up repeatedly in my mail, it's thank-you notes—or, rather, the lack of them. It's such a common aggravation that I receive dozens of complaints in every batch of emails or letters I receive. While letter-writing may always be a chore to some people, there are occasions when the written message is the only proper means of communication.

My Dear Abby Letters Booklet was written to serve as a guide to those who put off writing because they don't know what to say or how to say it. It contains sample letters for readers to use to show appreciation for a birthday, Christmas, shower or wedding gift.

There are also examples of letters that are difficult to write, such as expressing condolences to someone who has lost a parent, a child, or for an untimely death such as a suicide or an overdose. My letters booklet can be ordered by sending your name, mailing address, plus a check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Letters Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.) And remember Rule No. 1: The important thing about letter-writing is to say what you want to say, say it so you can be easily understood, and say it so that it sounds like you.

DEAR ABBY: My parents are refusing to pay for me to attend my dream school after learning that I am sexually active with my boyfriend of two years. (They liked him very much prior to learning this.) He's in school in France.

They say it would be a "sin" to pay for me to attend school in the

DEAR ABBY

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same city he's in, and they expect me to stay home and go to a local community college. Would it be wrong to disobey their wishes and take out my own student loans?

PARENTS VS. BOYFRIEND IN FRANCE

DEAR P VS. B: I not only think it would be wrong, I'm afraid it could be a disaster for you. What if the relationship doesn't work out? When you take out those loans, you will be responsible for repaying that debt for many years.

Before you make that decision, I urge you to carefully consider the kind of jobs that will be available in the field you're interested in pursuing. If what you're really interested in pursuing is your boyfriend, you might be better off staying home.

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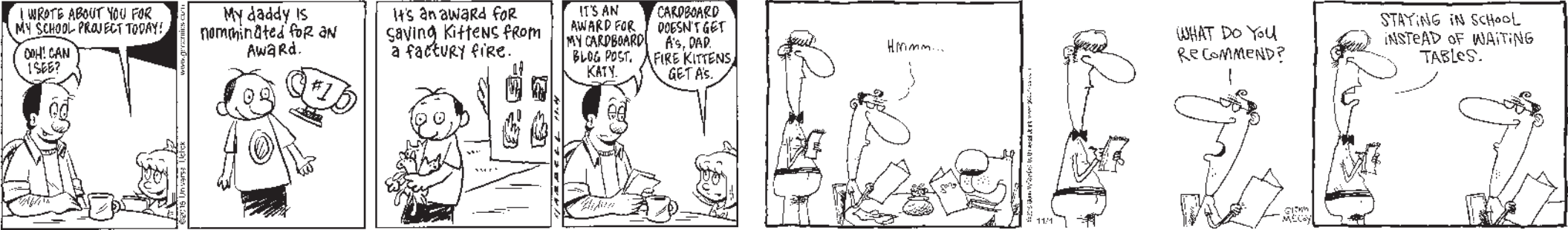
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

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14 Size up

15 Mobile person?

17 Magical opener

18 "Citizen Kane" estate

19 Thoreau works

21 Road goo

22 Gush

23 "Kapow!"

26 World view?

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33 Charged bit

35 Whack

36 Garden pest

38 Insult, slangily

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1 Saab model

43 LAPD alert

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47 Aplenty

51 Open — of worms

52 Petri dish gel

54 Lower (Sp.)

55 Comparative suffix

56 Next in line?

57 Thailand, once

58 Actor Stephen

59 Capitol VIPs

16 Eve's guy

20 Jacuzzi

23 "Be Prepared" gp.

24 Yodeler's perch

25 Hindu king

27 Group of seals

29 Outlaw

30 Hog haven

32 "Platoon" setting

34 Falls for a newlywed?

37 Rap's Dr. —

39 Box

42 TV studio sign

44 Doldrums

45 Yaks

46 Berry in smoothies

48 Pointed arch

49 Umbrella weather

50 Bungles

53 "Gosh!"

Solution time: 24 mins.

Yesterday's answer 11-4

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Sean Combs, 46; Matthew McConaughey, 46; Ralph Macchio, 54; Kathy Griffin, 55.

Happy Birthday: Make changes based on need, not on emotion. It's important to justify your actions if you want to come out on top. There will be plenty of opportunities through people you have worked with in the past, as well as paybacks from those you have helped along the way. Your innovative, relentless search for answers will result in success. Your numbers are 3, 17, 24, 29, 35, 37, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Pick up your pace and get back on track. Don't be idle. Learn new skills or take on a mental challenge that will help you choose a suitable direction. Set goals and strive to reach them. Negotiations will favor you. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emotional situations will escalate if you let words take over instead of letting your actions speak for you. Show the people around you how much you respect and care for them. Your humble and understanding approach will result in unexpected favors. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Get your home in order. It's important to secure your position and mark out your territory when dealing with people who might be inclined to take advantage of you. A deal can be made, but consider the motives involved before you agree. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Check out the way others live or do things and incorporate the things that work into your lifestyle. A couple of subtle changes will make

you more comfortable and add to your convenience. A day trip will be enlightening. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll face opposition at home. You are best to stick to professional tasks and let your personal situations calm down a bit. Go back to the drawing board and look for alternate ways to present what you want to do. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Observe and take a wait-and-see attitude when it comes to dealing with the people you see every day at home or at work. Using your intelligence and practicality will help you make the right decisions. Romance is encouraged. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Concentrate on what you can do to collaborate with the people who share your concerns for your community or the environment. You can make a difference if you fight for change. A passionate and sincere plea will get good results. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An unusual situation will play out in your favor. Talking to people who have experience, knowledge or something to offer will help you make a decision that could alter the way you move forward regarding a trip or home improvement. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be careful not to make promises you cannot keep. Too much of anything will backfire, causing you unwanted trouble with someone you deal with daily. Don't embellish a story or you will be held accountable. Focus on personal changes. ★★★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An unusual prospect will turn into a money-maker. Review your plans and put them into motion. Don't get involved in a joint venture or with anyone who is unreliable or constantly changing his or her mind. Pick and choose your battles. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Listen attentively, but don't be too quick to follow someone else's lead. Make changes that will improve your personal or professional partnerships. Take a disciplined approach to your goals in order to raise your standard of living. Choose your words wisely. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your unusual ideas and persistent attitude will put you in the spotlight. Not everyone will agree with you, but as long as you follow your heart and are honest about your intentions, you will do okay. Romance is encouraged. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You are determined and dedicated. You are fearless and adaptable.

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD**.

REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS Solution: 8 letters

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Gano's 52-yard FG lifts Panthers over Colts in OT



CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—Cam Newton tries to distract Graham Gano in practice sometimes, walking over to the veteran kicker and whispering in his ear, "Just a little bit of pressure."

Gano answered that pressure on a rainy Monday night. He connected on two field goals in overtime, including a 52-yarder that lifted the undefeated Carolina Panthers to a 29-26 victory over the Indianapolis Colts.

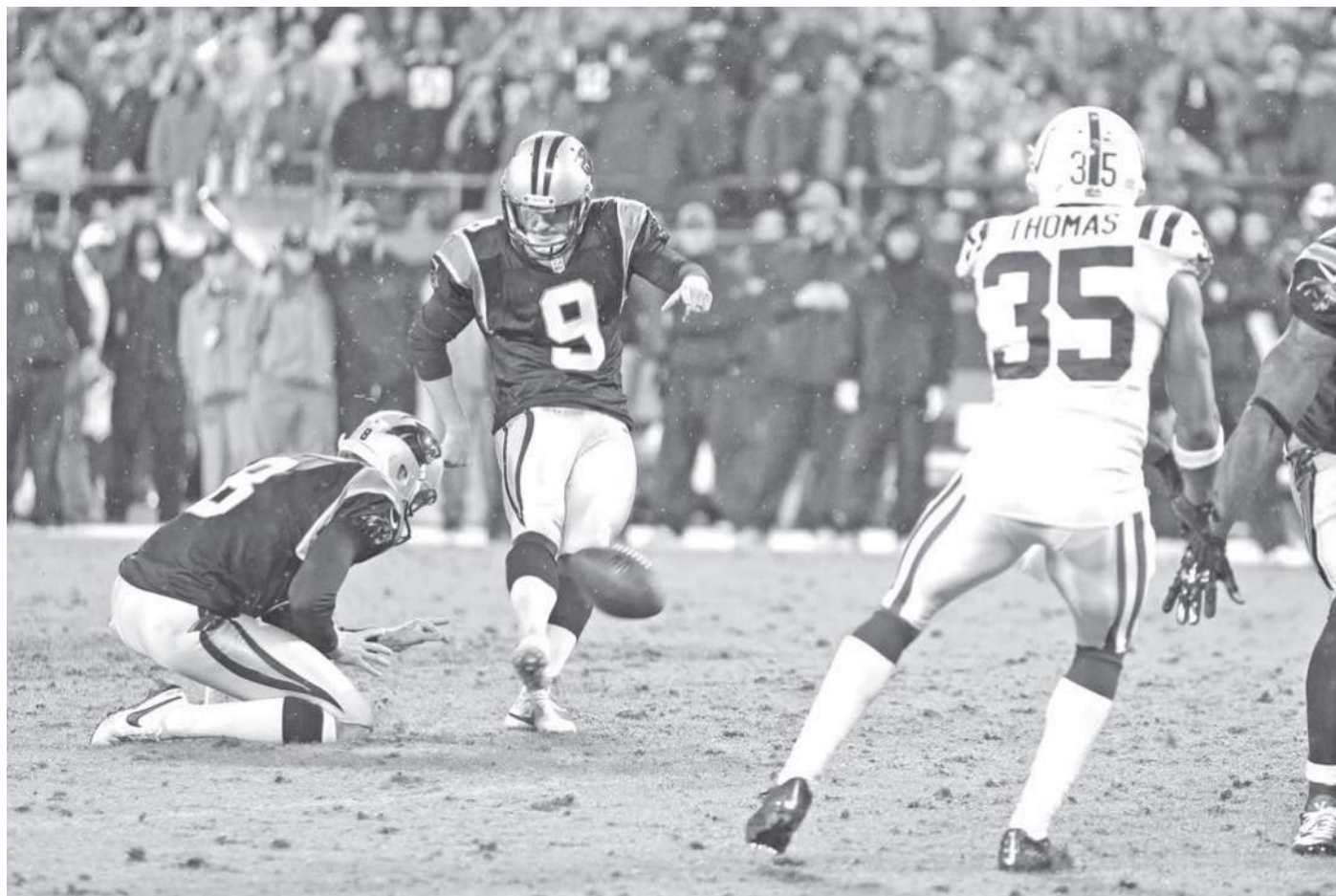
Carolina (7-0) earned its 11th consecutive regular-season win and opened a two-game lead over the Atlanta Falcons in the NFC South.

Gano, who missed an extra point in the fourth quarter, came through when the Panthers needed him the most. After Adam Vinatieri kicked a 50-yard field goal for Indianapolis in OT, Gano was good from 42 yards and then again from 52 after Roman Harper deflected an Andrew Luck pass over the middle and Luke Kuechly came up with the interception.

"I had the ball back a yard from where it was supposed to go," Gano said of the setup. "I looked up and saw (long snapper) J.J. (Jansen) waving at me as he was waiting to snap the ball. I thought, 'Oh, we've got to scoot it up!' I looked up and the play clock was at 10."

Gano made it anyway.

"Never a doubt," Newton joked of Carolina's latest win,



which came after they surrendered a 17-point lead in the fourth quarter. "We are one of the lucky few to say we're 7-0. We're not content."

The Panthers didn't make it easy on themselves.

Luck, limited to 40 yards passing in the first three quarters, threw two touchdown passes in the final 7:11 of regulation and also led the Colts (3-5) to a tying field goal in

the final seconds. The Panthers could have won it with 2 seconds left, but Kuechly dropped a potential interception in the end zone and Vinatieri kicked a 24-yarder for the third of his four field goals.

"It just slipped through my hands," Kuechly said.

Newton was 16 of 35 for 248 yards with two touchdowns and one interception. He also ran for 41 yards.

After Vinatieri gave the Colts a 26-23 lead in overtime, the Panthers had another chance to close it out but Ted Ginn Jr. dropped a 56-yard touchdown pass. Greg Olsen then bailed his teammate out with a one-handed catch to help set up Gano's tying field goal.

Luck finished with 231 yards passing and two touchdowns with three interceptions, giving him an NFL-high 12 on the

season.

"It's my problem, and it's hurting the team," Luck said. "I've got to fix it. It's tough to win like that, and I'm disappointed in myself. Mentally, I feel all right. It's tough to overcome in the game. The points, the short field position, that's the important thing."

Luck refused to discuss a report that he has been battling rib injuries in addition to a shoulder problem.

AP
Carolina Panthers' Graham Gano (9) kicks the game-winning field goal in overtime against the Indianapolis Colts in an NFL football game in Charlotte, N.C., early Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015.

der problem.

He started to look like the Luck of old in the fourth quarter, throwing an 18-yard touchdown pass to Andre Johnson and an 8-yard TD strike to Fleener to bring the Colts to 23-20.

"It's a long season, and our goals are still attainable," Luck said. "It doesn't make this loss any easier to swallow. We keep grinding, pick our heads up and get back to work. We've got to fix these things in practice, and fix these things in games."

Playing in a steady rain, the Panthers' defense put the clamps on Luck while jumping to a 10-0 lead.

Newton threw an interception and also fumbled on the Colts 3-yard line, but rallied late in the third quarter. Leading 10-6, Newton threw touchdown passes to Greg Olsen and Philly Brown to give the Panthers a 23-6 lead.

It was a bizarre night, with two activists rappelling on ropes from the upper deck holding a protest sign for most of the second half as fans watched in awe. They finally descended, and the Panthers said four people were arrested by Charlotte Mecklenburg Police.

Source: Kaepernick benched, Gabbert to start Sunday

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP)—Quarterback Colin Kaepernick has been told he won't start Sunday for the San Francisco 49ers and is being replaced by backup Blaine Gabbert, a person with knowledge of the decision said Monday night.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press because the decision wasn't to be discussed publicly. The team had not made a formal announcement, though coach Jim Tomsula offered a pretty good hint earlier in the day "we're evaluating everyone," on the heels of a 27-6 loss at St. Louis and a second straight game without a touchdown and third in five.

Kaepernick has been benched for his birthday, as he turns 28 on Tuesday. In a strange twist, it was three years ago in November 2012 when Kaepernick was promoted to replace Alex Smith and he wound up leading San Francisco back to the Super Bowl and a three-point loss to Baltimore. Kaepernick made his first career start on Nov. 19, 2012, for former coach Jim Harbaugh.

Former first-round pick Gabbert completed 23 of 28 passes in the preseason—for an 82.1 completion percentage—for 203 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions and a 108.8



passer rating. He has stood by locker mate and friend Kaepernick, and they have regularly eaten lunch together, especially last week when a report said Kaepernick was alone "on an island" in the locker room.

"This whole team sees Kap on an everyday basis, we see him 15 hours a day in meetings," Gabbert said. "Unless those stories are coming from here they're false."

Bay Area Sports Guy first reported the change. The quarter-

back speaks each Wednesday, also the next scheduled availability for Tomsula.

Tomsula had always said Kaepernick was his quarterback and made that commitment almost weekly during San Francisco's struggles this season—until Monday.

The 49ers coach said every player is being evaluated and he didn't name his starting quarterback for a home game Sunday against Atlanta.

"We're evaluating everything

right now, we're in the middle of it right now. I don't have any comments on any position on our field right now," Tomsula said. "We're evaluating everyone. I'm not going to have any further comment, I'm just telling you we're evaluating everyone."

Later Monday, the 49ers traded tight end Vernon Davis to the Denver Broncos for a pair of late-round draft picks.

Kaepernick is taking a seat at least this week for a franchise

AP
In this Nov. 1, 2015, file photo, San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick throws during the first quarter of an NFL football game against the St. Louis Rams in St. Louis.

searching for any possible spark after another dismal day on offense. The Niners are 0-3 in the NFC West. They have their bye week next week.

"It needs a jolt, and needs it from every position," fullback Bruce Miller said. "I know that we can play better at all 11 spots and until we do that and play together as a group, I think it's fair to say that every position is under review because we've got to play together as a group, not as individuals."

Kaepernick has passed for just 286 yards the last two games for the Niners (2-6), raising questions for weeks now whether a big change was needed. Perhaps more than just the quarterback, too.

Tomsula wouldn't say when a decision would be announced, only that, "We'll make those decisions when we've got those things done at every position, every position ... Colin didn't play good enough, neither did the team, the San Francisco 49ers didn't play good enough."

Gabbert was impressive in the preseason for San Francisco. Jacksonville selected him 10th overall in the 2011 draft.

"I know where we're going with this questioning. I'm not going down that road," Tomsula said. "I've got a lot of respect for Blaine Gabbert."

The defense has appreciated what Gabbert brings every week on the scout team to prepare the Niners for the upcoming opponent's quarterback.

"That's coach's decision. Every position is under evaluation each and every week. That motivates every guy at every position to go out and work a little bit harder ... and can be held accountable," defensive lineman Quinton Dial said, then noted of Gabbert: "He definitely goes about his business as a professional. He shows up, works hard each and every day and gives us a great look on the scout team."

Tomsula said he is comfortable with his coordinators—Geep Chryst on offense and Eric Mangini on defense—going forward. The coach also noted he is meeting weekly with CEO Jed York and general manager Trent Baalke.

"I'm not at a self-doubt place now," Tomsula when asked about his own frame of mind.

Former Australian Rugby League star Jarryd Hayne, waived Saturday, was signed to the practice squad.

Royals reveling in first World Series title since 1985

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—The jersey that Eric Hosmer wore in the decisive game of the World Series is headed to the Hall of Fame. So is the glove Salvador Perez used, the spikes Lorenzo Cain laced up and the bat that third baseman Mike Moustakas took to the plate.

Maybe they ought to ask for the goal posts from the University of Kansas.

Those were torn down inside Memorial Stadium in the wee hours Monday morning, shortly after the Royals beat the New York Mets to win their first championship in three decades. Thousands of fans shot off fireworks, stormed sporting goods to buy the latest apparel, and spent the night partying as if it was New Year's Eve in downtown Kansas City.

"Our fan base and our team share a real special bond," Hosmer said. "That's grown throughout the whole entire world, I think, as the fans have watched us compete throughout this postseason."

Indeed, the Royals made plenty of new fans with their scrappy, fight-to-the-last-out style.

President Barack Obama called manager Ned Yost on Monday and said the team was fun to watch and made Royals fans proud, according to White House spokesman Josh Earnest, a Kansas City native.

They won 95 games during the regular season and earned home-field advantage throughout the playoffs. But they never seemed to be the favorites—not against the plucky Astros, the powerful Blue Jays or against the hard-throwing Mets' starting rotation.

"I think the resiliency of this team and the way we can come



back and the way we just count ourselves in every single game, I think it makes for a fun team to watch," Hosmer explained. "It's definitely a fun team to play for."

That resiliency was evident throughout their October ride.

In the Division Series, they trailed the Astros by four runs in a game that could have ended their season, then rallied to win the series. They kept fighting back when the Blue Jays kept pounding home runs, eventually winning their second straight AL championship.

It was in the World Series that they really shined, though.

The Royals trailed in all five

games against the Mets, winning three times when they were down in the eighth inning or later—something no team had ever accomplished. In the decider, the Royals became the first team since the 1939 Yankees to trail by two runs in the ninth inning or later of a potential clinching game and somehow rally to victory.

All told, Kansas City trailed by at least two runs in seven of its 11 playoff wins.

"The way guys played all season," Cain said, "the way

guys stepped up even though we were down the entire game, it was a huge team effort."

Now, that team that formed such a bond with its city the past two seasons will get to revel in a championship together. Their victory parade is Tuesday in downtown Kansas City, a route that will take the entire entourage about 2 miles to historic Union Station.

The victory rally at the base of the National World War I Memorial will begin when the parade arrives, and thousands of

fans lining the parade route are expected to converge there.

"It's a dream come true, not just for the players, but the staff, for the front office, for most importantly, the fans of Kansas City," outfielder Jarrod Dyson said. "It's been a long time since Kansas City raised a trophy like that and I'm just happy to be a part of it."

Long time, indeed.

The Royals were once one of baseball's model franchises, but the 1990s and 2000s were marked by historic ineptitude: Nine straight losing seasons (twice), three straight 100-loss years, token All-Stars chosen for the Midsummer Classic sim-

ply because every club needed to be represented.

Everything started to change when general manager Dayton Moore arrived, though. It picked up steam when Ned Yost took over as manager, and a core bunch of players - Hosmer, third baseman Mike Moustakas and others - finally made it to the big leagues. The final pieces were added at this year's trade deadline, with the arrival of pitcher Johnny Cueto and the versatile Ben Zobrist.

All those years of losing were suddenly a distant memory. So was last season's World Series heartbreak against San Francisco. The Royals and their fans believed that they could not only win the final game of their season, they almost seemed to expect it.

So when the final out was made at Citi Field, and the Royals streamed out of their dugout to celebrate a championship, it was hardly a surprise that their fans joined in the party.

Even the ones that decided to tear down some goal posts.

"We just believe. We believe in each other, you believe in the guy next to you," Hosmer said, "and you realize you don't have to do it all by yourself, you just do your part and we got a chance of winning ballgames. It's something we've all believed in, it's something we all bought into since day one and that's why we're world champions."

What might have been: Mets move on from stinging Series loss

NEW YORK (AP)—It was an exhilarating run with an empty feeling at the finish line.

For a team that lost the World Series in five games, the New York Mets came tantalizingly close to winning.

They led Kansas City in the eighth inning or later during three gut-wrenching defeats. They played 53 innings and only trailed at the end of 13. Nine more outs spread over those gnawing nights and they're the ones bouncing in blissful unison at Citi Field, hoisting the championship trophy, soaking each other with champagne.

"This hurt," captain David Wright said. "There's no doubt about it."

After locking up leads all season with steady closer Jeurys Familia, the Mets were unable to put away the relentless Royals. Uncharacteristic walks, deficient defense and a couple of questionable decisions by manager Terry Collins did them in.

What follows now is endless second-guessing and a litany of

what-ifs. The players, however, will leave all that to everyone else.

"That'll drive you crazy if you start doing that," Wright said. "When we get a chance a few days from now, a few weeks from now, to sit down and reflect on what we did to get here, I think it's going to bring a smile to everybody's face."

Indeed, it was a rollicking and unexpected ride to New York's first National League pennant in 15 years.

Decided underdogs to Washington in the NL East, Matt Harvey and the Mets re-energized fans at Citi Field during their first winning season since Shea Stadium was still home in 2008.

New York ended a nine-year playoff drought and captured its sixth division title. The Mets dispatched the \$290 million Los Angeles Dodgers in a tense and testy Division Series, then swept the Chicago Cubs in the NLCS with a dominant display of pitching and power.

"Best time I've ever had on

a baseball field," said Wright, who returned in late August after missing more than four months due to a hamstring injury and spinal stenosis.

Along the way, Jacob deGrom and rookie Noah Syndergaard demonstrated October mettle. Steven Matz more than held his own despite limited experience, and Daniel Murphy morphed into a record-setting playoff star.

"Tremendous year," Collins said early Monday after his team's 12-inning loss in the Series finale. "I just told the players, 'I've done this for a long, long time and this is the most fun I've ever had.'"

"Last March or last June no one would ever have said we were going to be sitting where we are," he added.

Flush with hard-throwing young aces, the Mets could be a force for years to come.

Zack Wheeler is expected back from Tommy John surgery by next summer, and New York's entire projected rotation

is under contractual control through 2018.

That doesn't even include Jonathan Niese, who offers depth, trade bait or a needed lefty in the bullpen, the new role he took on during the postseason.

"These guys proved that they can be marquee names, household names, guys that can go out there and compete for the Cy Young year in and year out, and guys that can carry this organization for years to come into the postseason," Wright said.

Two important bats could be gone from the middle of the lineup, though.

Murphy and slugger Yoenis Cespedes, who exited the final game of the Series after fouling a ball off his left knee, became free agents Monday. So did four other players included on a postseason roster: Tyler Clippard, Bartolo Colon, Kelly Johnson and Juan Uribe.

Acquired from Detroit at the July 31 trade deadline, Cespedes will likely seek at least a six-year contract well in ex-

cess of \$100 million. He said he would like to stay, but those numbers might not fit the Mets' plans.

"My agent told me that we'll see what's going on around December, so it's still too early," Cespedes said through a translator.

The 30-year-old Murphy, drafted by the Mets in 2006, will be a fascinating situation to watch.

Does he get paid in line with the limited contact hitter he's been most of his career, or the guy who suddenly discovered a dangerous power stroke late in the second half this season (with help from hitting coach Kevin Long) and totaled seven homers in nine NL playoff games?

The Mets never expressed much interest in extending Murphy's contract, and they have a second-base prospect in Dilson Herrera who appears ready for his shot in the majors.

In the World Series, Murphy batted .150 without an RBI and reminded everyone of his obvious fielding flaws with two

costly errors.

"I like it here. I'd like to come back, but we'll have to see," he said. "I've enjoyed my time here. I really have. This organization has been great to me."

Kansas City outscored the Mets 15-1 from the seventh inning on, exposing New York's weaknesses. General manager Sandy Alderson surely would like to deepen the bullpen and tighten the defense this offseason.

But with rookie outfielder Michael Conforto and all those young arms on board, there's good reason to think the 2016 Mets could follow Kansas City's recent course—lose the World Series one year, win it the next.

For the Royals, it was their first crown in 30 years. Next season will mark three decades since New York's last title in 1986.

"Now we've got the, we've-been-there, done-that kind of feel going on," first baseman Lucas Duda said. "I like our ballclub."

Harden leads Rockets to first win, 110-105, over Thunder

HOUSTON (AP)—James Harden scored 37 points, and the Houston Rockets beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 110-105 on Monday night for their first win of the season.

It was the first loss for the Thunder, who won their first three games while the Rockets dropped their first three.

An 8-1 run by the Rockets made it 107-100 with about two minutes left. Harden capped that key stretch with a 3, knocking it down with Russell Westbrook right in his face.

Westbrook made a 3-pointer with 44 seconds left to cut the lead to 108-105, and Harden missed a 3 on the other end. But Westbrook and Kevin Durant both missed 3-pointers on the next possession and Dwight Howard made a pair of free throws with 5.7 seconds left to secure the victory.

Durant led the Thunder with 29 points, and Westbrook added 25 points, eight rebounds and 11 assists.

Harden was 12 of 26 from the field after a tough start to the season. He shot below 30 percent in each of the first three games.

He scored five straight points to put the Rockets on top 97-93 midway through the fourth, but consecutive baskets by Durant and Westbrook tied it back up less than a minute later.

It was just the second game of the season for Howard, who missed the opener because he was suspended for flagrant fouls in the postseason, and also rested on Sunday. Howard missed seven of eight preseason games with a stiff back. He finished with 16 points and eight rebounds.

The teams exchanged the lead several times early in the fourth quarter, once when a 3-pointer by Patrick Beverley gave Houston a 90-89 advantage with less than nine minutes remaining. He beat his chest and mouthed to Westbrook after the score.

Westbrook's layup put Oklahoma City up 93-92, and the jawing continued, earning both players a technical foul.

A free throw by D.J. Augustin extended Oklahoma City's lead to four late in the third quarter. But the Rockets scored the last

seven points of the period, highlighted by a 3-pointer by Beverley that made it 82-79, putting them on top for the first time since the first quarter.

Oklahoma City led by 10 points midway through the third after a tip-in by Serge Ibaka. The Rockets then found their offense, scoring the next eight points thanks to 3-pointers by Marcus Thornton and Harden to get within 75-73 a couple of minutes later.

Cavaliers 107, 76ers 100

In Philadelphia, LeBron James became the youngest player to reach 25,000 career points, leading the Cleveland Cavaliers past the winless Philadelphia 76ers.

James had 22 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds and rallied the Cavs in the second half against a scrappy Philly team that had built a 15-point lead. James and the rest of the Eastern Conference champions had enough to push back the undermanned Sixers.

James scored the milestone basket on a dunk with 8:07 left in the fourth quarter. The 30-year-old James became the sixth active player with 25,000 points and the 20th overall. He joined Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki, San Antonio's Tim Duncan, Minnesota's Kevin Garnett, Los Angeles' Kobe Bryant and Paul Pierce of the Clippers.

Warriors 119, Grizzlies 69

In Oakland, California, Stephen Curry scored 21 of his 30 points in an emphatic third-quarter stretch and the reigning NBA Most Valuable Player followed up his 53-point performance from three days earlier with another sold game to lead unbeaten Golden State past Memphis.

Curry did not play in the fourth quarter with his team up big after shooting 10 for 16 and hitting four 3-pointers to give him 21 through four games—even after Grizzlies coach David Joerger joked before the game, "We're going to put three guys on him tonight."

Curry also had a huge third quarter with a career-best 28 points in Saturday's win at New Orleans, and he won Western

than three minutes ahead of Abbie Kim's 13:40 and the 13:42 recorded by Raina Park.

The next leg will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7, also at the Airport Field with registration starting at 3:15pm and race proper at 4pm.

The order of the race on Nov. 7 will be elementary, middle, and high schools; while on Nov. 14 it will be middle and high school first followed by the elementary division.

The venue for the Nov. 21 finals is still being arranged with race volunteer attorney Robert Torres trying to get the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort as possible race site.



Oklahoma City Thunder's D.J. Augustin, right, looks on as Houston Rockets' Corey Brewer (33) cheers after a play in the second half of an NBA basketball game Monday, Nov. 2, 2015, in Houston.

Conference Player of the Week honors after averaging a league-best 39.3 points.

The Grizzlies starters combined to shoot 11 for 46, led by Marc Gasol's 13 points. They were outscored 72-27 over the second and third quarters.

Spurs 94, Knicks 84

In New York, LaMarcus Aldridge scored 19 points, Kawhi Leonard had 18 points and 14 rebounds as San Antonio beat New York to give Tim Duncan a milestone victory.

Duncan had 16 points, 10 rebounds and six assists in his NBA-record 954th victory with one team. He passed Hall of Fame point guard John Stockton, who went 953-551 with the Utah

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gained a quarterfinals berth after downing the Philippines' Rafaella Villanueva and Malaysia's Linda Liong, 6-2, 6-0.

The ITF Junior tournament in Singapore is a Grade 5 event that awards 30 ranking points to the singles champion, 20 to the runner-up, 15 to the semifinalists, 10 to the quarterfinalists, and 5 to the losers in the Round of 16. In the doubles, the ranking points at stake are as follows: 20 (champion), 15 (runner-up), 10 (semifinalists), and 5 (quarterfinalists).

Lee, pending the final results of the Singapore competition, has 50 ranking points in singles and 15 in doubles and is the highest-ranked (No. 780) player in the Pacific Oceania.

Jazz. Duncan, in his 19th season with the Spurs, is 954-381.

Tony Parker also finished with 16 points.

Carmelo Anthony scored 19 points for the Knicks but struggled to just 4-of-17 shooting while often guarded by Kawhi Leonard, the reigning NBA Defensive Player of the Year. Anthony was coming off a season-best 37 points on Saturday in a victory at Washington.

Aldridge followed his best game with the Spurs, a 24-point performance in a 95-87 victory in Boston on Sunday, by shooting 8

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unanswered points to take a 22-15 advantage. A wide service from Sakura Imaaya ended SIS 1's string of points, however the Eagles gave up three consecutive points to the Lady Geckos—off a service error, a return that hit the net, and another return that went to the sideline—bringing the match to a deciding third set.

In the last set, SIS 1 got off to a good start behind the strong service game of Julia Ishikawa. After a kill from Adele Hudkins, Ishikawa scored three aces and the Lady Geckos added 2 more points for a 6-0 advantage.

Ishikawa served for the seventh time, but her shot was short, giving GCA its first point in the third set. The Eagles were then stuck to one point, while SIS 1 continued to play well and stretched its lead to 12-1. A service error from SIS 1's Jennifer Tan handed the Eagles their second point and GCA won the next

of 15 and grabbing six rebounds.

Clippers 102, Suns 96

In Los Angeles, Blake Griffin had 22 points and 10 rebounds and unbeaten Los Angeles hung on down the stretch for a victory over Phoenix.

The Clippers are off to a 4-0 start for the fourth time in franchise history and the first time since winning the first five games of the 1985-86 season, their second in Los Angeles after relocating from San Diego. They beat Phoenix for the eighth straight time in their longest streak against Phoenix in the rivalry's 46-year history.

Markieff Morris scored 19 points for the Suns, who were coming off back-to-back wins against Portland following their opening night loss against Dallas. Tyson Chandler had 14 points and 17 rebounds.

Trail Blazers 106, Timberwolves 101

In Minneapolis, Damian Lillard had 34 points and seven assists and Portland won 106-101 after Minnesota honored fallen coach Flip Saunders with an emotional pregame tribute.

Lillard made 14 of 25 shots, C.J. McCollum scored 18 points and Al-Farouq Aminu had 17 points and nine rebounds for Portland, which trailed by 17 points in the first quarter after an inspired start by Minnesota.

Kevin Martin scored 24 points and Ricky Rubio had 12 points, nine assists and nine rebounds for the Timberwolves two days after they attended Saunders' funeral. They whittled a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit to three with 10 seconds to play. But Martin was stripped while trying to shoot a 3 and the Blazers hung on.

Bucks 103, Nets 96

In New York, Jerryd Bayless scored 26 points, Greg Monroe

exchange, 4-1, as it was the Lady Geckos' turn to commit miscues.

A wide return from GCA's Kimi Tenorio moved SIS within a point of wrapping up the match, 14-6, and the Lady Geckos did it in the next play with Hudkins going for a spike and the Eagles failing to return the ball after only two touches.

Meanwhile, in other results SIS was also victorious in the middle school and boys high school divisions. SIS 1 swept GCA in the middle school game at the former's home turf in As Lito, 25-13, 25-20, 15-11, while the host also won over the Eagles in the boys high school match, 25-18, 25-21, 15-9.

Three more middle school games were scheduled yesterday, but results were unavailable at press time. Saipan Community School 1 and 2 were slated to duel Agape Christian School and Whispering Palms School, respectively, while the other match was between Seventh Day Adventist and Mt. Carmel School.

had 23 points and 13 rebounds and Milwaukee beat winless Brooklyn for its first victory of the season.

Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 21 points and Khris Middleton had 17 for the Bucks.

Brook Lopez had 18 points and nine rebounds, and Jarrett Jack scored 15 points for the Nets.

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Golden State	4	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	2	2	.500	2
Sacramento	1	2	.333	2½
L.A. Lakers	0	3	.000	3½

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	0	0	1.000	249	133
N.Y. Jets	4	3	0	.571	172	139
Buffalo	3	4	0	.429	176	173
Miami	3	4	0	.429	154	173

South

Indianapolis	3	5	0	.375	173	203
Houston	3	5	0	.375	174	205
Jacksonville	2	5	0	.286	147	207
Tennessee	1	6	0	.143	125	159

North

Cincinnati	7	0	0	1.000	198	132
Pittsburgh	4	4	0	.500	168	147
Cleveland	2	6	0	.250	167	216
Baltimore	2	6	0	.250	190	214

West

Denver	7	0	0	1.000	168	112
Oakland	4	3	0	.571	178	173
Kansas City	3	5	0	.375	195	182
San Diego	2	6	0	.250	191	227

NATIONAL CONFERENCE East

N.Y. Giants	4	4	0	.500	215	208
Washington	3	4	0	.429	148	168
Philadelphia	3	4	0	.429	160	137
Dallas	2	5	0	.286	133	171

South

Carolina	7	0	0	1.000	191	136
Atlanta	6	2	0	.750	213	173
New Orleans	4	4	0	.500	213	234
Tampa Bay	3	4	0	.429	163	199

North

Green Bay	6	1	0	.857	174	130
Minnesota	5	2	0	.714	147	122
Chicago	2	5	0	.286	140	202
Detroit	1	7	0	.125	149	245

West

Arizona	6	2	0	.750	263	153
St. Louis	4	3	0	.571	135	125
Seattle	4	4	0	.500	167	140
San Francisco	2	6	0	.250	109	207

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WINNERS

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Jenny Zhang of SCS remains the top U9 girls runner with a time of 10:25, which was 31 seconds slower than her last week's winning time of 9:54. WSR's Jasmine Saluta was two seconds behind Zhang at 10:27 while Quimari Duenas of Mt. Carmel was third with 11:49.

Yu Jie Zhang, who last week finished second behind SCS teammate Hilah Bacani, this time ruled the U7 girls class with 10:28 to lead a 1-2-3 finish for the Tsunamis.

Yu Jie Zhang's time was more

PIC hands GMJ/IKKI first loss

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Pacific Islands Club banked on their free throw shooting in the homestretch to beat GMJ/IKKI Wholesale, 80-72, during their open division game in the 2015 San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League last Monday night at the San Antonio court.

PIC scored its last 8 points from the foul line to foil GMJ/IKKI Wholesale's comeback bid and hand the latter its first loss in five games. PIC improved to a 2-1 record.

Jack Aranda went 5-for-6 from the stripe, Mike Espinosa made a split, and James Abuy added a pair to avoid a PIC collapse in the closing minutes of the match.

PIC saw its once 8-point advantage, 70-62, trimmed to a deuce, 70-72, as GMJ/IKKI Wholesale launched a short 8-2 rally capped by a triple from Jose Oyola, entering the final two-minute mark of the game. GMJ/IKKI Wholesale then had a chance to either tie the match with a 2-pointer or grab the lead with a triple after another PIC miss on the other end, but the former made a couple of defensive stops to keep its shaky lead. Aranda challenged a trey from Mark Ferrer, whose shot hit nothing but air, while Barbo blocked another 3-point attempt from the GMJ/IKKI Wholesale guard. After those two misses, GMJ/IKKI Wholesale was left with a second left on its 24-second shot clock and it failed to get a shot in time, as Oyola still took one dribble before pulling up for a shot after getting the inbound pass from Marlon Sison.

PIC finally got the possession after GMJ/IKKI Wholesale's infraction, but Abuy muffed a triple in the ensuing play. For-



A quick 2 from Allison Dizon kept GMJ/IKKI Wholesale in the game, 72-75, down to the last 31.5 seconds and it had another opportunity to move closer after Sean Rabasto went 0-for-2 from the line in the ensuing play. However, after Juan Camacho collared the rebound, his pitch to Sison was anticipated by Jake Quitugua.

After another miscue, GMJ/IKKI Wholesale had no choice but to foul PIC again to stop the clock. Aranda made two more free throws and later had a split after another miss by their opponents to make it a 78-72 cushion, just 17.1 seconds remaining on the clock. Camacho overshot his mark in the ensuing play and GMJ/IKKI Wholesale gave up another foul that sent Abuy to the stripe for the icing on the cake.

Abuy was one of the three PIC players who broke in double figures with his 18. Quitugua had a game-high 20 markers, while Barbo chipped in 15, and Rabasto and Aranda combined for 18.

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Pacific Islands Club's Mike Espinosa, left, is fouled by a GMJ/IKKI Wholesale player during the closing minutes of their open division game in the San Antonio caging last Monday night at the San Antonio court.

Camacho had 15 for GMJ/IKKI Wholesale, which played without Josue Melendez and Chris Estevez.

GMJ/IKKI Wholesale played catch up in the fourth quarter after PIC outgunned them in the last four minutes of the third, 12-2, to turn a 47-48 deficit to a 59-50 advantage.

Meanwhile, in the second open division game last Saturday, Maplas barged into the win column after a 0-3 start following a 79-50 demolition of the winless 5-Star Construction (0-3).

Monday Game

PIC 80 – Quitugua 20, Abuy 18, Barbo 15, Rabasto 9, Aranda 9, Espinosa 7, Ferra 2.

GMJ/IKKI 72 – Camacho 15, Mangali 11, Barrios 9, Villacrusis 9, Ferrer 7, Oyola 6, Cortez 4, Borja 4, T. Montes 4, Dizon 3.

Scoring by quarters: 17-11, 31-35, 59-50, 80-72.

Saturday Game

Maplas 79 – Viray 31, R. Rueda 21, Lacson 6, Aniciete 5, Baluyot 4, Quinto 3, Jumaquio 4, Odicia 4, J. Rueda 2.

5-Star 50 – Munar 16, Penalba 11, Boglie 11, Cataluna 6, Bermiso 4, Murillo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 25-18, 38-27, 57-30, 79-50.

tunately for PIC, GMJ/IKKI Wholesale lost the leather on the other end, as Barbo tapped away Oyola's pass to Ignacio Borja and Espinosa picked up the loose ball and was fouled by Elgene Mangali on a fast-break play.

Espinosa faltered on his first free throw attempt, but made the second one and that started the string of charities for PIC, while GMJ/IKKI Wholesale committed two more errors to kiss its bid for a perfect record goodbye.

Mangali's crosscourt pass to Oyola hit Ignacio and the ball rolled out of the sideline, while Aranda added a pair of free throws after GMJ/IKKI Wholesale was forced to give up fouls.

Winkfield has high hopes for NMI girls U19 team

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Kathy Winkfield believes on the talent and full potential of the nine-member CNMI U19 girls volleyball team.

The NMI All-Stars saw action in the Guam Volleyball Federation-organized U19 Girls High School Volleyball Festival Tournament, which was held over the weekend at St. John's School in Tumon.

Winkfield said the girls performed pretty well against four tough Guam high school teams—John F. Kennedy, Notre Dame, Sanchez, and St. John's—and one squad from Yap.

She added that even though the girls showed great fighting spirit they also need better preparation if ever they plan to go deeper in other off-island tournaments.

"Lessons learned, never give up. We know the girls have the potential with the close scores of the matches but need to prepare themselves physically as well as mentally to make it to the end," said Winkfield.

She said that the four graduating members—led by team captain Knohlynn Gechig, Marcy Ann Ermitanio, Emily Jones, and Zarinae Sapong—now plan to form a team and train for next year's Marianas Junior Cup in Guam.

Danica Camacho, Adele Hudkins, Julia Ishikawa, Sabrina Pangelinan, and Jennifer Tan are the other members of the team. Toni Yamada worked as Winkfield's assistant coach.

Team CNMI finished third after round-robin play but dropped to fifth after losing in the first round of the playoffs on Sunday.

They opened their campaign with a 25-30 loss to Notre Dame but bounced back with a touch 30-27 triumph over St. John's before dropping a 24-30 match against Team Yap in Friday's action.

On Saturday, the CNMI U19 All-Stars pulled off a 30-27 win against JFK but dropped a 23-30 decision over Sanchez to finish with a 2-3 mark and fourth place heading into a quarterfinals.

Yap swept all of its five games followed by Notre Dame's 4-1 slate, while Team CNMI ended up tied with St. John's (2-3) but

the former clinched third place after winning their round-robin match. JFK and Sanchez ended up with similar 1-4 cards.

Matches in the round robin play are only one set with no deuce. Teams are also given one time out the entire game.

It was a best-of-three race to 21 games in the playoffs—quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals—with deuce, and one time out per set.

They faced Sanchez in Sunday morning's quarterfinals match and succumbed to a 21-15, 21-15 setback. Sanchez's two wins were against the CNMI, the first one in the round robin.

St. John's overcame an opening set loss in completing a 19-21, 21-16, 15-9 victory over JFK. The CNMI placed fifth

overall after they defeated JFK in the first round.

Top seed Yap then faced Sanchez in the first semis match where they coasted to a 21-10, 21-15 win, while Notre Dame downed St. John's, 21-15, 21-16 to arrange a finals showdown.

Yap ruled the tournament following a hard-earned 16-21, 21-16, 17-15 decision over Notre Dame while Sanchez finished third overall following a 21-18, 19-21, 15-10 victory over St. John's.



SGA monthly tournament continues



The Saipan Golfers Association will continue its monthly tournaments in the next two Sundays and next month at different venues.

SGA members will resume their hunt for spots in the year-ending Ace of Aces tournament with the October Ace of the Month up for grabs on Nov. 8 at the Marianas Country Club.

The November Ace will follow the next week on Nov. 15, another Sunday, with action moving to Kingfisher Golf Links, which will be hosting SGA's monthly tournament for the first time in months.

Kingfisher will resume its normal operations on Nov. 9, Monday, as the Talofotofo golf course was closed for

more than three months after Typhoon Soudelor cut its power and water lines, and in the process damaged most of its facilities.

The SGA has also scheduled a Turkey Shoot on Thanksgiving Day with the banquet to be held at Pacific Islands Club after the 9:30am tee time.

The final SGA monthly tournament is the December Ace set on Dec. 6, also on a Sunday, at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort in Kagman.

All Ace of the Month tournaments are set at 9:30am.

SGA officials will then discuss and schedule when would be the 2015 Ace of Aces Tournament will be. The date, time, and venue will be announced at a latter date. (Jon Perez)



Coach Kathy Winkfield, second from left, gives some instructions to her players during a timeout in one of their games in the Guam Volleyball Federation-organized U19 Girls High School Volleyball Festival Tournament held over the weekend at St. John's School in Tumon.

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Lee stuns seeded foe in Singapore

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The CNMI's Carol Lee pulled off an upset in the ongoing Singapore ITF Junior Championships 2015.

Lee stunned third-ranked Shevita

Aulana of Indonesia, 6-1, 6-4, in their second round matchup yesterday at the Kallang Tennis Centre in Stadium Road, Singapore to advance to the quarterfinals of the tourna-



ment that started last Monday. Lee, who made it to the second round after sweeping wild card entry Shi Yi Meg Ang of Singapore, 6-1, 6-0 in the opening day, is

one of the only three unseeded players to barge into the Round of 8 of the ITF Junior event. She is joined in the quarterfinals by fellow unranked player and Indonesia's Samantha Nanere, who stunned No. 1 seed Arrum Damarsari, also of Indonesia, China's Zin Yu Wang, Indonesia's No. 4 Oxi Gravitas Putri, No. 8 Novela Millenia Putri, No. 7 Joleta Budiman, and No. 5 Fadona Kusumawati, and No. 2 Claudia Ng of Hong Kong.

Lee will challenge Budiman in the quarterfinals today. Budiman marched into the Round of 8 after winning over Japan's Chisato Hayakawa, 6-3, 3-0 (retired) and against compatriot Faiza Munabari Saskia, 6-1, 6-0.

Meanwhile, the CNMI junior player also saw action in the doubles event in Singapore, teaming up with the host's Charmaine Shi Yi Seah. The Lee-Seah pair went on to dominate Singapore's Ruhi Kamdar and Tessa Wong, 6-0, 6-0, in the opening round to advance to the quarterfinals against the second-ranked tandem of Aulana and Novela Putri. The Indonesian players

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Carol Lee, seen here going for a return in a local tournament early this year, is in the quarterfinals of the Singapore ITF Junior Championships 2015.



SIS keeps perfect record in high school v-ball

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Saipan International School 1 is still undefeated in the girls high school division of the 2015-2016 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League as it rallied past Grace Christian Academy yesterday at the GCA court in Navy Hill.

The Lady Geckos bounced back from an opening set loss,

22-25, and swept the last two, 25-17, 15-6, to notch their fourth win in as many games. The Lady Eagles absorbed their second defeat in three matches. After the close opening set, SIS 1 and GCA battled back and forth in the first half of the second with the former hanging on to precarious 16-15 lead before the match was halted due to rain.

The game resumed after 10 minutes and the Lady Geckos came out smoking, scoring 6

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Saipan International School's Julia Ishikawa serves against Grace Christian Academy during their girls high school division game in the COPSSA volleyball league yesterday at the GCA court in Navy Hill.

DeCourtney leads X-Country leg 2 winners

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Robert De Courtney ruled his division to lead the list of winners in the second leg of the All Schools Cross Country race held last Saturday at the Commonwealth Ports Authority Airport Field.

DeCourtney led the pack of winners in the six age divisions in the boys and girls classes, which came from three different schools unlike in the inaugural leg where Saipan Community School dominated the competition.

The Whispering Palms School bet was the fastest among the 35 runners in the elementary division completing the 1.6-kilometer (1 mile) run around the Airport Field in 6:39 to claim top honors in the boys U9 age group.

DeCourtney's time was three seconds ahead of William S.

Reyes' Coume Kaga (6:42) and four seconds better than WPS schoolmate Dylan Mister (6:43), the U11 girls and



boys top runners, respectively.

Mt. Carmel School's Dylan Santos was a far second behind DeCourt-

ney with a time of 8:46 but one second ahead of third placer Casey Chambers (8:47) of Brilliant Star.

Kaga was the top female runner to rule the U11 girls class with 6:42 more than 30 seconds in front of Grace Christian Academy's Soleil Lamar, who clocked in 7:20, while home-schooled Janelle Saluta came in third after submitting 7:34.

Mister made it a double celebration for WPS when he crossed the finish line in 6:43 besting Raven Francisco, another home-schooled runner, (7:05) and the 7:42 submitted by SCS' Daniel Cho.

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Robert DeCourtney of Whispering Palms School, left, beats U11 runners Dylan Mister, center, and Coume Kaga to rule the boys U9 division in last Saturday's All Schools Cross Country race held at the Commonwealth Ports Authority Airport Field.

